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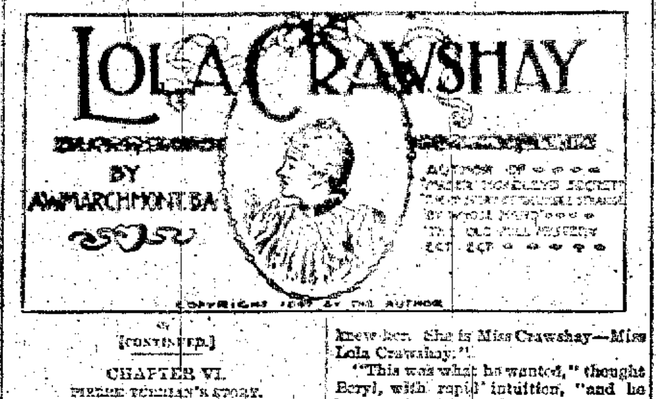

# LOLA CRAWSHAY

BY A. W. MARCHMONT, B. A.

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## CHAPTER VI.

### PIERRE TURRIAN'S STORY.

Beryl's visitor did not speak for some moments, but sat as though collecting his thoughts and seeking the best way to commence.

The girl eyed him very closely and curiously. He was well dressed, his clothes being cut in continental fashion, and he had altogether the appearance of a man of the world, alert, successful, shrewd and, as she thought, calculating and vindictive.

It was evident to her that the business which had brought him to Leycester Court was, as he had said, important, and that he was cautiously deliberating how to introduce it and how not to make a mistake.

"My visit is a surprise to you, no doubt, Miss Leycester," he said at length, a smile of courtesy parting his lips and showing his white, long teeth.

"Necessarily," replied Beryl.

"You don't know my name—Turrian? You are sure you never heard it as that of man or woman—Turrian—of Montreux?" And he pronounced it with deliberate emphasis and looked hard into Beryl's face.

"Not to my knowledge," she replied.

"No, no, probably not, probably not. Ma foi, how should you? It is a name common enough, and any one could easily hear it and then forget it again. Is it not so?"

"I have never heard it," repeated Beryl, irritated because he dwelt on the point. "But what is the business you have come on?"

"Precisely. That is the point. Just so. What is the business? Well, I have not come to talk about myself or about my name. That has nothing whatever to do with it, nothing whatever." Then he added, with another of the smiles which the girl found so unpleasant: "That I mentioned it so pointedly at all is only my vanity. It would have been with deep, deep pleasure if I had found that the reputation not of myself, but of my violin—I am a musician—had reached to Leycester Court, but I could not expect it, and I am rightly served. To be frank, it is a question I put everywhere, everywhere I go, because my fame is my life."

Beryl saw that for some reason he was misleading her and doing it clumsily and laboriously.

"Will you tell me, please, what it is you want?" she said sharply.

"You English are so practical, so pointed, so blunt. Yes, I will tell you. I am meditating a work that I believe will have a prodigious effect on the musical world. It is a treatise on my instrument, the violin. I am advocating nothing less than the addition of a fifth string to my beloved instrument. That is a daring thing to do, Miss Leycester, is it not?"

"What do you want with me?" she asked impatiently.

"I am troubling you, I see. I am sorry," he said, lifting his white, thin hands and shrugging his shoulders, while out of his blue eyes she caught a sharp, swift glance that almost startled her with its keenness and told her he was acting and wanted to read the effect upon her. She tried to look as stupid and impassive as possible.

"I really don't care whether the violin has 4 or 5 or 50 strings," she answered as if crossly, but really interested now.

"That seems to me inconceivable, absolutely impossible. If I had a fifth string"—he began to speak with rapid energy, as though the subject carried him away—"I could produce effects by the side of which the mightiest effort of the grandest master would be but as the scraping of a learner. I could—but what am I doing? I am an enthusiast; you are uninterested. I apologize. Pray forgive me."

Beryl bowed very slightly and looked wearied and impatient.

"I did not want to talk of my work or my project either," he said, resuming. "It is only incidental, though I am so full of it that, like a hen that would lay an egg, I must cackle of it. But, alas, right in the middle of a path stands a difficulty. I am rich in my art, wealthy in my love of my instrument, but poor in my pocket. To storm the world with a musical treatise for a weapon is impossible to the man without means. I am seeking the means."

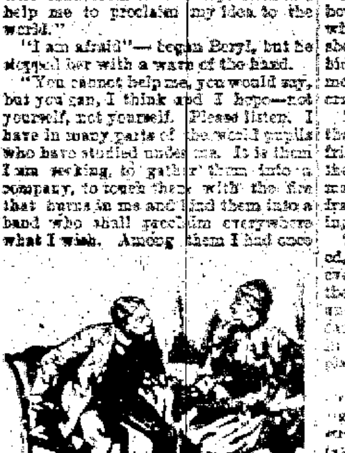
"Yes. What is the cost of adding a fifth string to a fiddle?" asked Beryl stupidly. "I thought they were cheap."

He glanced sharply at her to see if she were laughing at him, but the cold, impassive, uninterested expression of her face reassured him.

"It is not the cost of the string I am seeking," he said, "but the agents who will take from me the inspiration and help me to proclaim my idea to the world."

"I am afraid"—began Beryl, but he stopped her with a wave of the hand.

"You cannot help me, you would say, but you can, I think and I hope—not yourself, not yourself. Please listen. I have in many parts of the world pupils who have studied under me. It is them I am seeking, to gather them into a company, to touch them with the fire that burns in me and bind them into a band who shall proclaim everywhere what I wish. Among them I had once



The man started back in his chair.

an English young lady with soul, fire, enthusiasm, and it is her I am now seeking." He spoke with [illegible] gesticulation.

"Excuse me if I say [illegible] to me," said Beryl [illegible] paused [illegible] interest [illegible].

"I am ashamed. I have taken your time without a shadow of reason. I have finished now. I have reason to know that the young lady had some [illegible] hope and that at one time you knew her. She is Miss Crawshay—Miss Lola Crawshay."

"This was what he wanted," thought Beryl, with rapid intuition, "and he has wandered through the maze of his silly story to get at this."

She did not even let her visitor see that she was surprised.

"I have a friend of that name," she said, [illegible] "What is she?"

[illegible] of this, though he hastened to hide it under the mask of overdone gestures.

"That is good news for my violin!" he exclaimed.

"But it can't be the same," said Beryl, with her former air of stolid stupidity. "She doesn't play the fiddle at all."

"No, no; that is right. Her instrument is the piano, but her soul is the soul of the heaven made musician. She lives somewhere here?" he said, with a gesture of interrogation, in which hands and arms and shoulders and eyebrows all went up together.

"She is the wife of Sir Jaffray Walcote and is now in America with her husband," answered Beryl in a commonplace, level tone, without a trace of animation in her face.

But she watched with astonishment the effect of the words.

The man started back in his chair, all the light air which he had assumed dying instantly away, while in place of the mask which he had been wearing astonishment, disbelief, triumph and white rage played over his face and gleamed in the eyes which stared fixedly at her. For the instant the man's true character showed itself unmistakably to the calm eyes which looked at him from the expressionless, wearied, disinterested face.

The moment afterward he was again the actor, cursing himself for having lost his self control and speculating angrily whether this dull, stupid, conceited English girl had noticed anything.

So quickly did his expression change that there seemed to be scarcely a pause before he answered, though in a voice which vibrated with the shock of the surprise:

"I should think you may be right, and that this is not the same Miss Crawshay. It could not be, of course. The enthusiast that I knew was living abroad with her father, not thinking of marrying one of your English noblemen."

"Then it must be the same," said Beryl in the same level tone in which she had struck her first blow. "Lady Walcote came from the continent only about two years ago."

But he was not to be caught off his guard twice.

"Well, if so I am more than fortunate. It is great news, grand news. If I can start my mission with the wife of a nobleman at the head of it in England, my cause is already more than half won."

"Her husband is a great lover of music," said Beryl, and she saw that some change in the tone of her voice made him flash one of those keen glances of his right into her eyes. She parried it by assuming a look of languor. "Have you anything more to ask?" And she rose.

Her visitor rose at the same time.

"I thank you very much for the courtesy and kindness with which you have received me and for the time you have given me." And he bowed with the exaggerated politeness which had irritated Beryl.

"Montreux, I think you said?" she asked as he reached the door and his hand was on the handle.

He turned quickly at the question, which he seemed in some way to resent.

"Montreux is my birthplace, Miss Leycester. I am Pierre Turrian of Montreux, the violin player. That is all of my connection with Montreux. My teaching has been elsewhere."

"Oh, I thought you meant you had had Lady Walcote as a pupil there," she replied, as though the point were unimportant.

"Oh, no, no, not at all; not there! It was in Paris, Queen Paris, that I had the pleasure. Oh, no, no! That would be ridiculous. Paris is where I have made my fame, such fame as I possess, not Montreux. That is not of the world at all."

He laughed as he said this with the air of one who would laugh out of existence the cobwebs of an absurdity, and the echo of his laugh had not died away when the door closed behind him.

Beryl went to another room, the window of which commanded a view of the drive, and, herself unseen, watched him as he walked away slowly like one in thought. Once or twice he turned stealthily and slyly to look back at the house, and the girl imagined that even when he was a long way from the house she could see on his face the sharp, forbidding, evil, menacing look which had more than once distorted his handsome, cruel features.

Long after he had disappeared amid the small clump of fir trees which fringed both sides of the drive close to the turn of the lodge gates Beryl remained leaning against the window frame looking out, full of the foreboding which the man's visit had roused.

Then, being a practical girl of method, she went to her room and wrote out every word that she could remember of the interview and added her comments and the impressions which had been formed, and she locked the whole away in her most secret and secure hiding place.

The points which stood out most [illegible] her mind were that the fortune-seeker, Pierre Turrian, had some very strong motive for finding Lola; that the tale he told about his musical mission was [illegible] sheer falsehood; that [illegible] of the news of Lola to Sir Jaffray had moved him beyond all [illegible] that in some way he was mixed up in the matter, and that he [illegible] anxious to learn whether Lola had ever mentioned the name of Turrian to her.

[illegible]

player.

"Turrian. Turrian!" he repeated. "Where is he known?"

"I believe in Paris," answered Beryl.

"Ma foi, there is no such player in Paris," was the decided reply. "I may say I knew every player of any consequence in the whole of Paris, but there is none of that name, I am sure."

"Do you know Montreux?" she asked.

"You mean the little Swiss place. I have been there twice, I think, in my rambles. Do you know it—a curious, dull, pretty place—the sort of little town you can look over from north to south and west to east in an hour or two and carry away as a memory photograph?"

"You never heard the name Turrian there as that of a violin player?" asked Beryl.

"In Montreux!" And the Frenchman laughed. "Not at all. Poor little Montreux has never distinguished itself yet in producing anything so important as a musician. Wait, wait. What am I saying!" And he laughed heartily. "I have forgotten the mad abbe. You know Montreux? No? Then you will not know of the good Abbe d'Eventin?"

"No, I have never heard of him."

"Why, I tell you? The good priest [illegible] one knows what before he [illegible] the holy church. But, whatever it was, it was something bad, we may be sure. Well, he had picked up a smattering of music, and he could play the violin, and he played it in such a way as to drive himself out of his wits. Then it was that he conceived a great inspiration—he was to revolutionize the world. And how do you think he was to do it? By adding a fifth string to the violin. Isn't that droll? A fifth string, my faith! Poor fellow!"

"Is the tale well known at Montreux?" asked Beryl after joining in her companion's expression of amusement.

"Why, of course. What would you have? Could it be otherwise? Every urchin in the gutter has the story off by heart."

"What a most interesting story!" said Beryl, who found much more interest in it than she showed.

It emphasized two points in the tale which the man Turrian had told her.

It showed whence he had stolen the idea for his story about the fifth string, and it suggested that his connection with Montreux was at least as close as Beryl had at first concluded.

But it did not help her to any solution of the chief question as to what was the reason why the man was seeking Lola. It proved that the reason was not what he had said, and that did not carry her far.

It had another effect. Her companion's word had started a thought which afterward developed considerably. As the Frenchman had been speaking of Montreux, Beryl had been struck by the idea that in so small a place it must be exceedingly easy to find out anything about anybody, and from this it was an easy though gradual development that in such a place she herself could readily make any necessary inquiries.

That idea did not come for some time, however, and in the meantime Beryl was troubled to know whether she ought to speak to Sir Jaffray's mother and tell her what had passed in the interview with Pierre Turrian.

There was also the further question as to Lola herself. Ought she to be told?

This was a problem over which Beryl spent many hours of thought.

If there was any evil in the matter, anything which threatened Lola, not for all the world would Beryl have the news of it come through her. It would look all too much like the result of some vindictive feeling on her part.

But, on the other hand, if Beryl said nothing and it transpired afterward that the man had been to her, her silence would be open to misconception.

She resolved in the end, therefore, to go to Walcote manor and in the course of conversation tell Lady Walcote, as it were casually, of the man's visit, giving his object as described by himself.

On her return home she did this and suggested further that it might be well to write and tell Lola of the fact.

She described the incident in a way which excited no feeling on Lady Walcote's part except laughter, and it was in this vein that the latter spoke of it in a postscript to a letter to Sir Jaffray. The letter was dispatched to await the baronet and his wife at New York, as the time was drawing near for their return to England.

It was in this way that the warning was sent to Lola that her first husband was alive and had already hunted her down.

## CHAPTER VII.

### HOW LOLA HEARD THE NEWS.

The news that Pierre Turrian was alive did not reach Lola at New York, owing to a mischance. Sir Jaffray and she arrived there some days later than they had planned and not until the evening of the day before that on which they were booked to sail.

The letters were thus thrust away to be read on board the steamer, and in the confusion the postscript was overlooked.

Had she known the news Lola would have turned back at any risk and have arranged to prolong an experience which had been the brightest of her life.

She had never dreamed that marriage with Sir Jaffray would bring the happiness to her which she had found in it. She had married him from motives which were purely worldly and selfish. She had to make a position. She loved ease and luxury. She was done with love and sentiment, and she chose a husband as a man might choose a profession, because it gave her all that she wanted with the least personal effort and difficulty.

"We women sell ourselves, and she is the shrewdest who fetches the biggest price," had been one of her favorite opinions, and she was glad that she had been able to marry where the man would pay so freely and where he personally was not undesirable.

But she had made one miscalculation in her plans.

She was a woman whose heart was not dead, as she believed, but rather had never been quickened into life.

She had imagined that she could go through life as a sort of unemotional lay figure by the side of a husband whom she did not love, suffering his caresses and endearments, but not returning them or at most paying with simulated affection for the comforts with which he would surround her. But in her there were no neutral tints. She must love or hate.

Sir Jaffray's nature fired her, and the more she endeavored to assure herself of her own coldness of heart the more was she moved by him. The very indifference which she affected helped to overcome her. She could not be indifferent, and she could not hate him, and there was therefore but one possible result.

She had chosen, moreover, that kind of holiday which helped to make indifference impossible. She saw her husband at his best during the whole time, and [illegible] incident of their travel [illegible] him, nothing [illegible] hold her attention [illegible] slowly with him.

More [illegible], however, he was a man born to be loved by women—strong to command where strength was needed, gentle as a child where gentleness served, as brave as a man can be and courteous to the point of long suffering. In all bodily exercises he was exceptionally agile and enduring, and he possessed in a marked and extraordinary degree just those qualities which to Lola were the type and embodiment of manhood.

She was bound to yield in time to the forceful influence which he exercised, and the more she perceived this and struggled against it the more irresistible did she find it.

As her feelings softened so her fears waxed. She was afraid to grow to love him, because she saw all the dangers of it to her.

One thing she had learned clearly about her husband. With all the stubborn tenacity of his race he held the honor of his name and family as high as a religious creed and perhaps higher. Straight dealing was an instinct and deceit and treachery an abomination. She had seen 50 instances of this in the months of the honeymoon, and she was shrewd enough to understand that the deceit which she had practiced he would punish remorselessly and visit with implacable unforgiveness if he ever discovered it.

His faith once given was given absolutely; once betrayed, was withdrawn forever.

She did not care while she knew that the tie between them was on her side one of tongue and not of heart. She knew, of course, that in the future, whether Pierre reappeared or not, she would need a clear head and calm judgment to walk safely, but if she grew to love her husband she would be neither clear in head nor calm in judgment.

So long as she could part from him, if all were discovered, without any loss except such as touched her social position and her money interests, she felt that she could go through all with the certainty of ultimate success.

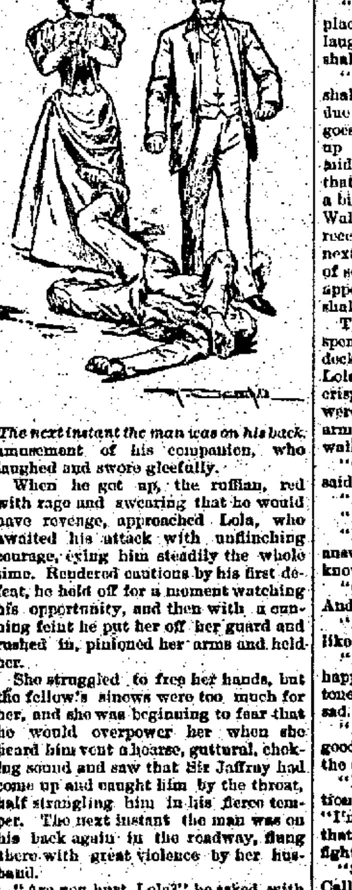
But if she loved her husband there were a thousand and one complications which might follow, each of which would be a source of undoing.

It was no trouble to her to feign love, to school herself to seem happy in her husband's presence, to be bright and cheerful with him and to shower upon him a hundred attentions which seemed the spontaneous outcome of a desire to please, but were in reality the more shrewdly chosen because a clever calculation prompted each and all.

Gradually she was surprised at the ease with which this acting was done and the pleasure which it seemed to give her in the doing, nor did she guess the real source of the pleasure until an incident which happened when they had been away some two or three months revealed the truth to her.

They had ridden into a far outlying town in one of the southern states, and Lola was standing in the street alone waiting for her husband, who had been detained at the place where they had stabled the horses. A couple of drunken rowdies passed, and, noticing her beauty, stopped and spoke to her. She took no notice except to glance at them with so much contempt in her expression that one of them lost his temper and, with a deep oath, tried to clutch her by the wrist, vowing he'd kiss her for her insolence.

He reckoned without her strength and pluck, however, and as he grasped at her she pushed him violently backward and struck him with the heavy end of her big riding whip in the face. He staggered back and measured his length on the roadway, to the intense



*The next instant the man was on his back.*

amusement of his companion, who laughed and swore gleefully.

When he got up, the ruffian, red with rage and swearing that he would have revenge, approached Lola, who awaited his attack with unflinching courage, eying him steadily the whole time. Rendered cautious by his first defeat, he held off for a moment watching his opportunity, and then with a cunning feint he put her off her guard and rushed in, pinioned her arms and held her.

She struggled to free her hands, but the fellow's sinews were too much for her, and she was beginning to fear that he would overpower her when she heard him vent a hoarse, guttural, choking sound and saw that Sir Jaffray had come up and caught him by the throat, half strangling him in his fierce temper. The next instant the man was on his back again in the roadway, flung there with great violence by her husband.

"Are you hurt, Lola?" he asked, with the pain of suspense in his eyes.

"No, not in the least. Come away. That brute's getting up again."

The fellow was on his feet again directly, and both he and his companion had drawn their revolvers.

"You don't shoot women in these parts, do you?" said Sir Jaffray sternly. "Wait. Come, Lola."

He led her away to a house that was open at some little distance, and, putting her inside, told her to wait.

"You mustn't go back, Jaffray," she said, a fear that she had never felt for herself awaking on account of him, and she clung to him to keep him by her.

"Don't be afraid," he said kindly, and, putting her hand off his arm with a firm, gentle strength, he went out again. He walked straight up to the bully who had assaulted Lola, and, disregarding contemptuously the revolver which the man held threateningly, struck him with his clinched fist a fearful blow in the face, knocking him down with a thud which resounded all across the road. The man lay like a stunned ox. Then Sir Jaffray turned to the companion, but he, seeing what had happened, fired his revolver at random and ran away, swearing.

When Sir Jaffray went back to Lola, he found her more agitated than he had ever seen her, and she did not seem herself again for many hours and indeed for days afterward.

He did not understand the cause of it all.

In that instant the revelation had come of the new feeling which was developing in her, and the knowledge, in view of all that it meant, had agitated her as much as any incident in all her turbulent life.

In the days that followed, Sir Jaffray noticed for the first time in his wife a waywardness and uncertainty of temper which were quite unusual, and they surprised and rather grieved him. She was in reality fighting against her new emotions and striving resolutely to conquer them.

But she fought in vain, and from that moment onward she felt herself drawn closer and closer to him until she ceased at last to wage a useless fight.

Her return to England was thus unwelcome. So long as they were thousands of miles away from Europe she was safe against discovery, and could she have had her way she would have prolonged their journey indefinitely.

But Sir Jaffray was beginning to feel a strong desire to be home. He loved the place and longed to be there and to see Lola installed as its beautiful mistress. He would have hurried home earlier had he followed his own inclinations, but he could not interfere to stop the pleasure which she showed on every occasion in all the incidents of their traveling. He was delighted, however, when at length he stood with Lola on the big Atlantic liner and watched the lighthouse at Sandy Hook growing dimmer and dimmer in the haze of distance and felt that they were homeward bound.

He was surprised that Lola was silent and thoughtful.

It was a new thing for her to feel foreboding.

But now if what she had begun to dread came true she felt half helpless to grapple with it. And it was part of the effect of her new love and the fears it bred that the danger which, when she did not dread its coming, had seemed remote and all but impossible now appeared almost certain and inevitable. She blamed herself for not having taken any of the thousand precautions at the time of Pierre's death which she now saw she ought to have taken, and her father's words recurred to her over and over again:

"You did not see him dead."

How she wished she had.

Sir Jaffray rallied her once or twice when he caught her brooding apparently.

"Beginning to think what a serious matter marriage is?" he asked. "You'll have no end of fuss made of you in the county. Different from the wild west."

"I suppose one is quizzed a bit," said Lola. "But I know most of the people, and I can manage them, I think."

"Not much fear of that," replied her husband, with a smile of admiration. "There are not many people you could not manage. We shall have to have a function or two, and there'll be a bit of fuss when we get back, I expect. But we won't stay longer than you like at the manor. We'll get up to town. We shall have to go about a bit, you know."

"Yes, marriage isn't an excuse for refusing invitations, as it used to be in Galilee. It makes one look out for them rather."

"There won't be much looking out for them, I promise you. When once you're seen, they'll come fast enough."

"I suppose so, but I'd rather have our time back there," with a movement of the head toward the west, "than a London season."

"You'll grow out of that fast enough," he said. "But I'm glad you haven't been bored. After all, there's no place like the manor, to my mind. I'm awfully fond of the old place, and on my word I go back to it with greater gusto every time I've been away." Then, after a long pause, he added, "I shall like it better than ever with you at its head, Lola, and I think you'll get to feel about it pretty much as I do."

"I shall, if you make it a pleasant place to me," she answered, with a laughing look of affection. "If not, I shall hate it."

"I'll try not to make you do that. I shall be glad when we get there. We're due in tomorrow afternoon, and if all goes as it has hitherto we shall be well up to time. We shall be home before midnight, all being well. I'm afraid that our getting in at such a time will a bit upset any arrangements which the Walcote people may have made for a reception, but we must have 'em up next day and give 'em a lunch or a feed of some kind. Wonderful cure for disappointment is a good feed. Jove, I shall be glad to see the old place again!"

That night, the last they were to spend on board, the baronet went up on deck to smoke a cigar after supper, and Lola went with him. It was a clear, crisp, sharp air, and the moon and stars were shining brightly. She took his arm, and, pressing closely to him, walked up and down the deck.

"Our last night at sea, Jaffray," she said.

"And a lovely one, eh?"

"Have you enjoyed the time?"

"Never had a better in my life," he answered enthusiastically. "Didn't know marriage was half so good."

"Or you might have tried it before?" And she laughed.

"If I'd met you before," he replied, like a lover.

"I'm glad I've given you one span of happiness, Jaffray," she said, and the tone in which she spoke seemed rather sad.

"It seems to have changed you a good bit," he said. "You're not like the same girl in some ways."

"Not with you!" She put the question in a tone that touched him at once. "I'm the same with you. You forget that till you came into it mine was a fighting life."

"So that chap must have thought in Calladun," he said, laughing at the recollection of the way she had treated the man who had tried to insult her.

"But you had to come to the rescue then. I wonder if you always would and will."

"We don't breed cowboys in old England," he answered.

"True, but there are other villains. Do you believe in omens, Jaffray?" She put the question impetuously.

"Yes, of a kind," he said. "When I've been hunting big game, for instance, and missed at the first shot, I always took it for an omen that if I didn't hit with the second I should have a bad time, and I took good care not to miss, I can tell you."

"Oh, I don't mean things you can avoid."

"Then I don't believe in any other. Bad luck doesn't begin with a man as a rule till he's made a mess of things for himself."

"Yes, but I mean if you fear something's going to happen?"

"But a man doesn't fear that unless he knows there's something that can happen. A man who walks straight isn't afraid of tumbling into the ditch at the roadside. But once I had a presentiment, by the way, and it came true," he added after a pause.

"What was that?"

"When I saw you that day in the little woman's house, I had a presentiment that you would be my wife, and here we are."

He laughed pleasantly and pressed her arm, and she thought it wiser to say no more about omens after what he had said.

Their arrival at Walcote manor was necessarily very quiet. They reached Liverpool in the afternoon of the following day, and as soon as the baggage could be got together started for home.

Lady Walcote had remained in the house by Lola's special wish—one of the results of the change in her feelings—and Lola did her utmost to follow up the kindlier letters she had written with a greeting of really affectionate warmth.

But the old lady had not changed on her side, and, though resolved to act up to the promise she had made to Sir Jaffray before the marriage, she did not like the woman he had chosen and would not pretend that she did.

Thus the home coming was chilled on the threshold, and Lola herself was both disappointed and irritated, and there was more of the old Ishmaelitish feeling of defiance in her manner than her husband had observed since the marriage.

With Jaffray himself his mother was all tenderness and love, but she felt the change in the position.

It was the first time that he had come home from any of his wanderings when she herself had not had the first place in his thoughts. If the other woman had been Beryl, she thought, it would have been tolerable, but to give place to Lola was unbearable.

She staid with them for a long time while they talked to her of their travels, and she listened attentively.

"You have been a good correspondent, Jaffray—better than usual, I think." The baronet had thoughtfully made a point of writing much more frequently than he had been accustomed to write on former occasions. "The letters from you both have been most bright and interesting. You have had all mine, I suppose?"

"Yes, I think so. We got the last batch at New York."

"And what is your theory of the five stringed violin enthusiast? Is he a lunatic? He has been here and was most impatient to know when you would be back."

"Five stringed violin?" exclaimed Sir Jaffray. "What do you mean?"

"There, you haven't read my letter [illegible]. I told you about him and his queer visit to Beryl."

"Who is he? What is it? I must have missed it."

"The foreign violin player, M. Pierre Turrian, who has a theory about violins."

"Jaffray, I think I'll go, dear. I'm dead tired," exclaimed Lola, rising the instant Lady Walcote finished. "We must have all the home news in the morning," she added, with a smile.

So it had come already, she thought, as she went away, with a great pang at her heart, but making no outward sign of any kind.

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### Walked After His Head Was Off.

Dr. Loye, the French physician, who has greatly interested himself in the question, "What passes in the head of a decapitated human being?" relates the following remarkable story, which he says was taken from the archives of the Vienna courts: It was in the year —— that Schoenenburg, a well known bandit, and four of his associates were caught and condemned to death. They were already on their knees ready to pay the penalty of their bloody deeds by submitting to the awful fate of decapitation when Schoenenburg addressed the judge, asking that his four companions might be pardoned on certain conditions. "If," asked the bandit, "after I am beheaded, I get up and walk to the first of my comrades, will you pardon him?" The judge thought that he was pretty safe in complying with the request. "Then," continued Schoenenburg, "if I walk to the second, the third and the fourth, will you pardon them also?" The judge replied that if such a miraculous feat could be performed he would obtain pardon for the other three also. The bandit was now satisfied, and, bending his head, received the fatal blow. Instantly the head rolled down in the sand, and to the surprise and horror of all present the headless trunk arose and [illegible] alone. [illegible], it appeared, it walked around until it passed the first, the second, the third and the fourth condemned bandit, when it fell down and became motionless. [illegible], could a headless body think?

### The Short Stop of the Train.

Sustained journey speed, from end to end of a run, is not merely a matter of high speed between stations. It involves also making the station stops short. The more stops there are the more important is promptness at stations. The observant man who travels much can not fail to notice the effect on trainmen, on station men and even on passengers of habitual fast running. All hands are trained to alertness and precision of movement. It is a fine thing to watch the handling of a very fast train at a station. It is invigorating to see the speed without haste of the inspectors and the baggagemen, the quick and smooth change of engines and the cutting off of the dining car. I have seen the other extreme on a Southern railroad, where the easy going conductor ran past a flag station and then backed down a mile to let off one passenger. His serene indifference to time did not make me feel any safer on his train.—Engineering Magazine.

### The Human Electric Battery.

The superstition that human beings should sleep with their heads to the north is believed by the French to have for its foundation a scientific fact. They affirm that each human system is in itself an electric battery, the head being one of the electrodes, the feet the other. Their proof was discovered from experiments which the Academy of Sciences was allowed to make on the body of a man who was guillotined.

This was taken the instant it fell and placed upon a pivot free to move as it might. The head part, after a little vacillation, turned to the north, and the body then remained stationary. It was turned half way round by one of the professors, and again the head end of the trunk moved slowly to the cardinal point due north, the same results being repeated until the final arrestation of organic movement.

### Rule the "Roost" or "Roast"?

Steuen Gardener, an under cooke in the Cardinal Wolfe Wolsey hys house, and afterwardes allowed of kynge Henry the syght to be a master cooke, and bys principall cooke for a longe tyme, ruled the roste in ye kynges house, as boldly and as saucely, as hys maister dyd before hym, as ye blowe upon his cheke that my Lorde of Warwyke gave him, may bare wytnes.—Spiritual Physic, 1555.

### The Sensitive Cheek.

Nine out of ten persons, if asked what is the most sensitive part of the body, will reply the tip of the tongue. This is a mistake. Those engaged in polishing billiard balls or any other substance that require a very high degree of smoothness invariably use the cheek bone as their touchstone for detecting any roughness.

The [illegible] world is [illegible] Louisiana [illegible] and [illegible] in 1883 by a syndicate of [illegible], by whom it [illegible] fencing is said to [illegible] Rice, sugar, cane [illegible]

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### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
**JAMES S. BEACOM,**
of Westmoreland county.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
**LEVI G. McCAULEY,**
of Chester county.

FOR ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE,
**THOMAS A. MORRISON,**
of Smethport.

FOR CORONER,
**E. R. SHERMAN,**
of Bradford.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
**WALTER OSTRANDER,**
of Liberty Township.

What's the matter with wheat? What's the matter with silver?

That horrible plot of the sound money men to ruin the country by putting up the prices of farm products still goes on.

Seth Low was nominated for mayor of Greater New York by the Citizens Union party in spite of Boss Platt's opposition. This is proper. Give the would-be bosses a few more such rib roasters and they will learn to keep their hands off from the people's pie counter.

This whole world seems to be in league with the sound money men to deceive the farmers of the United States. Not only are wheat and other farm products still advancing in prices, but the foreign demand for our corn this year is far beyond anything ever before known.

Stories are being circulated throughout this judicial district that if Judge Morrison is re-elected after he has served his term, he will be pensioned for the balance of his life. THERE IS NO SUCH LAW ON THE STATUTES OF PENNSYLVANIA and never ought to be.

CONGRESSMAN C. W. STONE'S boom for the governorship is growing daily. In all sections of the State the newspapers are falling into line and expressing their approval of his selection. The Republican party in Pennsylvania could make no better choice as he is one of her ablest sons and well qualified for the position.

HARRY ALVAN HALL has been temporarily reappointed U. S. District Attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania by Justice Shiras, the President having thus far failed to make an appointment. The chances are that President McKinley will retain Mr. Hall in the position which he has so ably filled in the last four years.

JUDGE ACHESON, in the United States Circuit Court at Pittsburg last week, decided that the three cents per day alien tax law is unconstitutional. There is very little doubt in the minds of most fair minded persons but what Judge Acheson has taken the right view of the case. But the commissioners of Allegheny county ought to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States and have the case settled for good so there will be no more trouble.

WHILE in Olean last Monday, we had quite an interesting conversation with E. W. Marcus, the popular dry goods merchant of that bustling city, who has gained a national reputation through his suggestion to Secretary Gage to have each denomination of United States paper money printed in different colors. Mr. Marcus showed us a large collection of endorsements of his idea from bankers, business men and statesmen. The idea is one of the most practical and useful for a speedy and safe transaction of business, and would do away with attempts at raising the denomination of bills. Our Congressmen should use their influence to promote this idea into practical use as soon as possible.

THE Democratic State convention, held at Reading, Tuesday, must have been rather entertaining to say the least, as it started off with a scrimmage between temporary chairman Dan Ermentrout and John T. Murphy, one of the [illegible], who seized the gavel and tried to preside when Mr. Ermentrout had declared the convention adjourned for one hour. R. E. Irwin of Washington county was elected permanent chairman and the other temporary officers were retained with the exception of Mr. Murphy, whose place was filled by C. W. Zellish of Northampton. Following is a synopsis of the platform:

The platform endorses the Chicago platform of 1896; congratulates W. J. Bryan on his campaign and leadership; denounces the Dingley tariff law; expresses abhorrence to the character of the warfare waged by Spain in Cuba; demands Cuban intervention by our government; asks the people of the Commonwealth to examine the Legislative and other records of the Republican party in Pennsylvania; calls especial attention to the mismanagement of the State Treasury, and demands an investigation; declares sympathy with Pennsylvania miners and their "unequal struggle to obtain fair compensation for their daily toil;" deplores the tendency to abuse the remedy of injunction; ratifies the election of James M. Guffey of Pittsburg, as national committeeman and thanks State Chairman John M. Garman for his efficiency and his faithfulness to his party and its principles.

Hon. Walter E. Ritter of Williamsport was nominated on the first ballot for Auditor General. M. E. Brown of Indiana, Indiana county, was nominated on the first ballot for State Treasurer. As the MINER predicted, the Chicago platform of 1896 was heartily endorsed, and W. F. Harrity has been placed on the dry dock for repairs until he learns enough to accept democracy [illegible] who upholds the [illegible] United States [illegible]

### STATE CONVENTION.

The Republican State convention met at Harrisburg on Thursday of last week and placed in nomination James S. Beacom of Westmoreland county for State Treasurer, and Levi G. McCauley of Chester county for Auditor General. Both candidates are able and honorable men. Mr. Beacom is an out and out Quay supporter while Mr. McCauley is a strong supporter of Governor Hastings. Hence it will have a tendency to draw the two dominant wings of the party closer together and close the breach that has heretofore existed. The Philadelphia Times, in a lengthy editorial, closes as follows: "The Republican ticket is, therefore, practically without opposition in Pennsylvania, and it is probably an even thing whether the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer or Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate, will be second or third in the race on election night. The Republican candidates will win hands down by any majority they want, and it is gratifying that it will give victory to two as capable and upright men as McCauley and Beacom." Following is the platform:

The Republicans of Pennsylvania ratify and reaffirm the doctrine enunciated in the national platform at St. Louis in 1896, and approved by the people at the last Presidential election.

We rejoice with the people of the nation upon the passage of the Dingley tariff bill. Its enactment redeems the pledges made by the Republican party to our prostrate manufacturing, commercial and business interests, and holds out to them the bright promise of prosperity and material development, such as has ever attended upon legislation designed for the protection of home industries and the preservation of home markets. Already the hum of reviving industry is heard throughout the land, and the business interests are responding eagerly to the encouraging influence of this legislation.

"Dollar wheat" has sounded the death knell of the "free coinage" heresy. In the late Presidential campaign the strongest bid made for the agricultural vote by the Democratic party was the promise that their success in that election would raise the market price of wheat to one dollar a bushel—payable in silver. They were overwhelmingly defeated at the polls, and the farmer now receives for his wheat one dollar a bushel—payable in gold. The dollar he thus receives will buy in the market two dollars and thirty-five cents worth of silver, as measured by the coinage value of that metal. We pledge ourselves anew to the Republican doctrine of sound money and an honest dollar.

We adhere to and renew again the pledges of the Republican party to maintain a just, reasonable and equitable system of civil service, but we denounce President Cleveland for his partisan abuse of its powers, and his manipulation and unjust extension of its provisions beyond that which was originally contemplated by the law or required in the interest of good government, so as to protect the unfit appointees of his own party from threatening non-partisan competition.

By his violation of the spirit and intent of the law the offices of the Federal government have been filled with representatives of a single party; the standard of efficiency has been degraded; veterans of the late war have been dismissed to make places for political favorites without just or reasonable cause; promotions and transfers have been made for partisan reasons, regardless of merit and in disregard of the spirit of the civil service law.

With an earnest desire to sustain the principles of the law and secure an honest, economical, and efficient administration of the affairs of the government, we demand that the President of the United States, by executive order, and Congress by legislative enactment at the approaching session, shall establish a civil service system that shall meet the approval of the better judgment and common sense of the American people

### MORRISON VS. MULLIN.

From the Bradford Star we copy the following:

EDITOR STAR:—I observe that the Sunday Herald is harping on the corporation string and is declaring that Morrison is a corporation man and that Mullin is not. I do not propose to indulge myself in personalities, but I feel that a few facts briefly stated ought to be presented to the public.

It is a fact that Judge Morrison never had a case for a corporation while he was practicing at the bar. He never was attorney for a corporation.

It is a fact that as a judge, Judge Morrison never rendered a decision favorable to a corporation that was not sustained and affirmed by the Supreme Court of the State on appeal.

It is a fact that Eugene Mullin has been for years attorney for the W. N. Y. & P. railroad.

It is a fact that Eugene Mullin was attorney for the Commercial Gas company, a corporation owned by the Standard Oil company.

It is a fact that the leading officers in the Manufacturers' Gas company, a corporation in combination with the Commercial Gas company, are the backers of Mullin in his candidacy.

Now, Mr. Editor, not to go deeper into this subject, and not wishing to become personal, I submit that if there is odium attached to association with corporations, it rests upon Mullin rather than upon Morrison. I express no opinion in regard to the matter, but I say that the fool friends of Mullin who are talking about corporations are talking through their whiskers.

VOTER.

A WELL KNOWN United States official in renewing his subscription to the Gazette and the Tri-Weekly World, makes the following pertinent inquiry: "By the way, I notice in the advertisement that you still recognize the World as a Democratic newspaper. As it did not support Bryan's free-silver theories, and as free coinage at 16 to 1 is now the test of true Democracy, how do you make out that the World is Democratic?" We plead guilty to the charge, and in lieu of a better excuse frankly confess that the avertisement referred to was put in type long before the World bolted the National Democratic ticket and championed the cause of the single gold standard. The New York Journal is the only pure, unadulterated organ now published at the great metropolis.—Wellsboro Gazette.

Shades of Jefferson and Jackson! Brother Conevery, it is a wonder that their spirits do not trouble your slumbers after making such an assertion. But there are others.

MAJOR McCAULEY will not be under the necessity of making any campaign speeches. Simply waving his empty right coat sleeve before any audience in Pennsylvania will be an unanswerable testimony to his patriotism and valor.—Phila. Press.

Likewise our own popular candidate for Additional Law Judge of the 48th Judicial district, Hon. T. A. Morrison. Having lost his left arm in assisting to preserve the life of the nation ought to be a guarantee to the voters of the district that he is possessed of unswerving fidelity to the cause of honor and justice.

#### A Cure for Bilious Colic.

RENFRUE, BARTEN CO., GA.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other remedies fail. G. D. SHARP. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

BY THOMAS SAMMONS.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 24.—Letters still keep coming in from all parts of the United States, Canada and Europe all asking about Klondike.

People want to know when to go to Klondike.

They want to know how to get there.

They want to know what it will cost.

Nobody wants to know how to get back from Klondike or how much money will be make there. They all expect to get rich and they will not begin to think about getting back until the shoe pinches.

In the first place, no matter how much gold comes out of Klondike this season, don't go there until spring. Simply made up your mind to play a waiting game. Don't go till spring. And, don't go at all unless you can stand a hard mountain tramp. Of course if you have plenty of money and can afford to pay your way regardless of expense, you can go anywhere, any time, with more or less comfort. But the ordinary man who expects to get his share of the Klondike nuggets and who does not propose to spend one fortune making another should begin calculating right now and keep it up, without changing his base of operations, for about four months.

When four months rolls around it will be about New Years and the Klondikers should then begin to get into marching trim. February 15th is early enough to start over the mountain passes back of Dyea and Skagway, in Alaska. It will be good sleding then and a half ton outfit can be hauled over the mountains without much trouble. To go to Klondike via the Yukon river would bring the gold seekers to the diggings pretty late in the season. Those who cut expenses will go over the mountain passes. Those who have plenty of time and wish to see the country can go aboard a steamer here and ride in ease and comfort to St. Michaels and then go up the river to Dawson City and the Klondike district.

By the way, how far is it from Tacoma to St. Michaels?

How far is it from Tacoma to Dawson City via the all water route?

To either point is a much longer journey than to Europe. St. Michaels is 2,500 miles from Tacoma and Klondike is 1,700 miles from St. Michaels. Before this season there have been but three or four steamers that reached St. Michaels each summer. Now the Klondike excitement is bringing many new lines into service and last week six steamers were headed for St. Michaels at one time. These ocean steamers have barges and river steamers in tow, which will be used on the Yukon river next summer. They will bring down from Klondike the lucky miners who wish to return home to civilization if by that time some enterprising Yankee has not built an electric railway or tramway of some kind over the mountain route which is much less than half the distance from Tacoma, being 1,550 miles over the Dyea, Chilcoot and White passes and 50 miles longer over the Stickeen River route.

To day hundreds of hardy men with blistered feet and aching bodies are toiling over these very passes. A few of them will reach Dawson City this fall but most of them will not make much progress until the snow comes. And yet, with these conditions known to people now on the mountain passes and trails, many gold seekers are still going north. They have made all their arrangements to go and they are going. With them it is Klondike, right away, quick or bust. Most of them will BUST so far as getting into the new diggings this year is concerned. Those who wait until the beginning of 1898 and start with a fresh stock of provisions and supplies will get to Dawson City as quick as many who are only just starting now.

At present the mountain passes are almost impassable. Heretofore only a comparative few people went over them. They went during February and March and on top of the snow. They made no trail worthy of the name and now, all of a sudden, three or four thousand people try to wedge through the mountain passes at once and, of course, they get clogged and jammed. That would be the case even though the trails were in good condition. By next spring, however, the passes will be in fair shape and those who wait until next spring will have the advantage of the work that is now being done by the great crowd now going in.

However, most people who have started are so enthusiastic they will never turn back. A few have, nevertheless, given up the fight for gold and have came home. Yesterday one young man, the son of a leading lawyer, arrived here from the Chilcoot Pass. His name is Hill Hudson and he is a very sick young man. He was fitted out with a fine outfit and his parents were reluctant in allowing the boy to go. He is seventeen years of age and of athletic build. But packing an outfit across the mountains was too much for him. His kidneys were affected so much that it would probably have killed him to have continued the journey. In packing an outfit of half a ton, which is an eighteen months' supply, across the mountain passes a man has to walk thirty miles for every mile of headway made. In other words the gold hunter would travel over the pass thirty times in getting their outfits over. This is killing to those not strong and healthy. Some camp by the side of the trail and watch the struggling expect-to-be-millionaires trudge past. Some, like young Hudson, turn back. Some sell their outfits and secure work as laborers in the mills of Alaska hoping thereby to save what money they have and start north again in the spring. But all could have saved themselves trouble, loss of money and outfits if they had simply accepted the warning of those who knew the real conditions and had deferred going to the Klondike until next February or March.

But there are exceptions to all rules. To-day a party of California miners left Tacoma for Skagway and Dyea at the head of the passes. They know "their business" so to speak. They know all about mines and mining. They know all about Alaska and still they are going in at this unfavorable season. Why? Because they can travel where tender-feet will fall by the wayside. They can select the pass that offers the least resistance. Perhaps they will select the Copper river route and prospect along its shores all winter. Even if they cannot reach Dawson City by way of the much traveled passes this winter they will prospect wherever they are. They can get along anywhere and they represent a "syndicate" which expects them to work all the time and keep a going somewhere. These men, for instance, did not buy their outfits until they had visited all the Puget Sound cities. They found goods 25 per cent. cheaper in Tacoma than in California. They bought only such articles as are absolutely necessary for a year's stay in the diggings, which cost about $255 and weighed about 1,500 lbs.

This is but a "starter," however, for the Klondike. There are many matters of importance to discuss between now and the day of departure.

THOMAS SAMMONS.

THE Amoskeag cotton mills at Manchester, N. H., will start up on Sept. 6 and give employment to 15,000 hands.

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### W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

#### THE NEED AND ITS NEEDS.

What are we as an organization and as individuals most in need of at this time to the end that we may be fully equipped for the conflict before us, and that our beloved union may be increased in numbers, in power and in efficiency for the Master's work to which we are called. First, in common with all other societies that are seeking to do His will and to hasten the coming of His kingdom in the hearts of all mankind, we need a deeper, more utter consecration of ourselves, our all, to his work and will, a giving up of self and selfish interests to the great work before us. We need the burning conviction wrought into every fibre of our being that this is really and truly work for God and home, just as much as anything that can be done.

It is not a "side issue." It is not a comparatively unimportant matter which can be postponed indefinitely. W. C. T. U. work should not be put off until the last day, at the eleventh hour, and then be met with "too tired to do it." "I forgot" is never an acceptable excuse for a white ribboner.

We need earnestness of purpose; a steadfast determination that no matter what the obstacles in our way, with God's help we will conquer or die; will conquer though we die. We need a holy enthusiasm, an intense love for the principles which we have espoused; a deep-grounded conviction that we are surely right, and therefore must succeed. I am stirred to the very depths when I hear one say with a woe-begone and limp expression, "I don't know that we'll ever succeed; there is so much opposition, we can't expect to do much." Why, of course we'll succeed. We're bound to win. Opposition is good discipline for us. "The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church," and those engaged in this cause must expect social and political martyrdom. Can we expect to win in such a contest, yet rest on "flowry beds of ease?" Nay nay; of those who espouse this cause some will wade through "bloody seas" ere the end comes, as some have already done. Was there ever a great reform that did not go through persecution to success.

"Thy saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
By faith they bring it nigh."

Faith and works must go together—faith without works will never overthrow the rum power, trample out vice and take the world for Christ. We need to have a pride in organization, a jealous love for the standard—that feeling which impels a body of soldiers to die to the last man rather than desert their colors. The little knot of white ribbon should be as dear to our hearts as the cross of the Legion of Honor to the heroes of France; as the Grand Army badge to the remnant of our Republic's defenders; and, like that, it should be displayed upon every occasion.

We need to be fitted with grace, furnished with all the fruits of the spirit, and girded with strength from on high, to prepare us for the bitter conflict that is before us—for such it is, and even more bitter will it become before the end is reached. We wage our warfare "against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"; therefore, we need the "whole armor" that we may stand fast and firm and be not overcome by our powerful adversary. One of our greatest needs is careful, painstaking attention to details; a realizing sense that to sustain any organization, certain business forms and, sometimes tiresome details, must be attended to promptly and properly. These are eminently necessary, and cannot be put off if we wish success in "the King's business" that "requireth haste." If we take care of little details the greater matters will adjust themselves. Frequent mass meetings here and there, although all right and needful, will not do our work. Local unions must follow the meetings with careful, systematic work, to gather up, crystallize and use to the best advantage the sentiment created, to unite the scattered influences into a powerful whole, which, through organization can make itself felt.

We should never miss an opportunity to invite others to join our ranks; should always have the pledge card and white ribbon at hand, and secure members whenever and wherever possible, being "instant in season and out of season," zealous, earnest, enthusiastic, persistent, determined to succeed, come what will. We need to study carefully, thoughtfully and prayerfully our marching orders, as laid down in the Word of Life; there we shall find counsel to aid us in every difficulty, and statements so clear as to dispel every doubt, and nowhere within its pages shall we find that we may compromise with evil for a price. We need to study carefully our own literature that we may become thoroughly acquainted with the origin, object, and methods of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and with the different phases of the temperance and prohibition questions. Study to be "approved workmen" and ready to give at any time an "answer for the hope that is within us" of our ultimate success. The earnest perusal of our official organ the Union Signal, is especially necessary to the education and inspiration of every white ribboner. I cannot understand how any W.C.T.U. woman can hope to be successful and not read that paper. It is like unto a local president expecting to succeed, to inspire and lead her to noble achievements, while she absents herself from executive duties and neglects committee work. Show me a woman, earnest, consecrated, enthusiastic, well posted concerning our different departments and well up in all the phases of our work, one who knows what is going on in our ranks as well as in our enemy's camp, one who is always helpful and full of resources, inspired and inspiring—utterly unstampedable—show me such a one, and I'll show you one who reads the Union Signal, and makes strong intellectual growth thereby; and invariably the woman who is helpless, apathetic and listless in the work is the one who "can't afford to take the Union Signal" or, perhaps, taking it, "can't get time to read it." Sisters, we have a high calling in this work. Let us lay aside every weight of needless labor and unnecessary toil, together with the sin of gossip and idle conversation which profiteth nothing, and give time thus saved to the perusal of our Bibles, our Union Signal and such works as will best fit and prepare us for the race before us. If we must economize let us not commence by cutting off the supply of brain food found in our literature. Let us rather do without some article of personal or household adornment, but fail not to adorn our minds with the wisdom found in our best paper, which grows better and better from week to week.

Let every officer, every superintendent, strive to become a specialist in her own department; and let every member study, work and pray as if success depended on her individual efforts. Above all things, "be not afraid nor discouraged by reason of the great multitude arrayed against you, for the battle is not yours, but God's," and while we toil in faith and hope, let us remember that

"Though right seems ever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
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### An Ordinance

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 32, RELATING TO THE TAX ON DOGS.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Chief Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Smethport, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same that after the passage of this ordinance, Ordinance No. 32, relating to the tax on dogs, which reads as follows:

"That a tax of one dollar, ($1.00) be levied upon the owner, possessor or harborer of each and every dog within this borough. And a tax of two dollars, ($2.00) for each and every bitch as aforesaid, to be collected in the same manner as the borough taxes are now collected."

Be and the same is hereby repealed.

D. C. YOUNG,
President.

Attest:
A. T. PALMER, Secretary.
Approved August 21st, 1897.
L. E. HOGARTH,
Chief Burgess.

### Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, etc., at a session thereof to be held at Smethport, Penn'a, on Tuesday, September 7th, A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the transfer to us, Clyde M. McDonnell and Lewis A. Coleman of a certain license for a hotel, known as "The Industry Hotel," situate on the west side of Davis street in the First ward of the City of Bradford, Penn'a, at Nos. 17 and 19 Davis street, which license was on the 24th day of May, 1897, granted to Lewis A. Coleman and [illegible] to commence and be in force and effect on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1897, for one year. Our present residence is at the Industry Hotel, Bradford, Penn'a. The occupation of Clyde M. McDonnell is [illegible] porter, etc. The occupation of Lewis A. Coleman is hotel proprietor.

CLYDE M. McDONNELL.
LEWIS A. COLEMAN.
M. H. Byrnes, Att'y for Petitioners. 32-3t

### Notice.

WHEREAS, letters testamentary to the estate of [illegible], late of Smethport, [illegible] deceased, have been granted to the [illegible], all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make [illegible], and those having claims or demands against the estate of the said decedent will make known the same without delay.

HENRY HAMLIN, Executor.
Smethport, Pa., Aug. 12, 1897.—32-6t

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Prices lower than any exclusive jewelry store could afford.

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The best single harness that is sold anywhere at $17.50.
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August 12, 1897.

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consequently the best results can be obtained. If you desire

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I am still at the front.
**Crayons framed $3.50.**

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Smethport, Pa.

# McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, 1897.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—School commences next Monday.

—Civil term court commences Sept. 13.

—Argument court next Tuesday, the 7th inst.

—There are now 11 prisoners in the county jail.

—Watch for Thos. H. Clark's plumber ad. next week.

—Comrade A. H. Peirce has been granted an increase of pension.

—Wash Stark will start up his steam laundry in the Backus building in a few days.

—Our growing advertising patronage is another evidence of the coming prosperity.

—Gleason has several very fine views taken in town that cannot be excelled anywhere.

—Dr. Hicks of Kane was prevented by sickness from filling his appointment here Wednesday.

—The bins in connection with the stone crusher have arrived and are being placed near the crusher.

—The young people had a very enjoyable little dancing party at the opera house Tuesday night.

—Last Saturday Star Pointer broke the world's record by pacing a mile in 1.59¼ at the Readville driving park.

—George W. Mitchell has rented the C. K. Hartwell residence and will take possession of the same about Oct. 1.

—Commencing next Sunday the services at St. Luke's church will commence at 7:30 p. m., until further notice.

—Forty K. O. T. M. from Crosby and [illegible] from this place went to Austin yesterday to attend the Maccabee picnic.

—Dr. J. C. Brown will move into the residence now occupied by G. W. Mitchell on lower Main street about Oct. 1.

—Mrs. Dan Forsythe and Erastus Curtis will please accept the thanks of the MINER man for fine vegetables furnished.

—The Dotterweich Brewing Co. of Olean has placed a new beer pump in the Grand Central bar. It is one of the best made.

—Parents who have children that have not been vaccinated should see that the same is attended to before school commenced.

—Yesterday T. D. Nash commenced moving his household goods to Bradford. May good fortune attend them in their new home.

—The Epworthians will give a chicken pie supper to-night at the Stickel building at the south end of the iron bridge on Mechanic street.

—Ed Larson and wife are entertaining a little girl stranger which arrived last Saturday. There is undoubtedly a cry- [illegible] that household.

—Fred Lyman feels highly elated as he is now running engine No. 1, the first used on the B., B. & K. She's a hummer and no mistake.

—Rock City's new hotel will be opened in a few days and will be presided over by that popular caterer, Mr. Holly of the Kendall House at Bradford.

—James Killinger of Bradford, who was in jail for surety of the peace, was released on bail pending his appearance at the next criminal term of court.

—Last Wednesday night, according to the Era, Bradford was visited by myriads of small flies or gnats which made life intolerable to the denizens of the oil metropolis.

—The Old Racket Man this week is offering China and other ware very cheap. Give him a call and be convinced that he will not be undersold. See his adv. in another column.

—J. Colegrove announces in his adv. this week that he is closing out his large stock of shirt waists. His prices are surprisingly low and you should take advantage of them at once.

—The 12-hour bicycle ride at Clarkdale near Bradford last Saturday afternoon between Misses Daisy Mullin and Myra [illegible] was won by the former. She rode 147 miles and two laps to Miss Stan[illegible] miles and 15 laps.

—[illegible] has a scandal suit which will be [illegible] of criminal court. [illegible] their sense [illegible] Mary Gilger has [illegible] against Josephine Ble[illegible] for alleged defamation of character. The suit promises to be spicy.

—Miss Tate, who is to teach in the High School, is in town. Miss Tate takes the place vacated by Miss Bessie Shoke. The other teachers are the same as last year.

—Ma Thein Yan, a Baptist convert from Burmah, who was here attending the Association is a very bright little girl and attracted a great deal of attention while in town.

—The Buffalo Express proved itself equal to the metropolitan journals last week during the G. A. R. Encampment. Its intensely interesting descriptions could not be excelled.

—Last Wednesday was naturalization court and 36 Swedes became citizens of Uncle Sam. Sonberg's Ridgway naturalization court does not seem to be very popular here among the Swedes.

—See change of advertisement of that popular furniture establishment presided over by Messrs. Andrews and Conkling. They invite you to make their store your headquarters while visiting the Olean fair.

—The following letters remain in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Aug. 28: Mrs. D. B. Allen, Miss Mabel Burdick, Dr. C. P. Hubley, Jno. A. Rosser, Miss Jennie M. Smith, Miss Annie White.

—During the Bucktail reunion McKean Post, No. 347, G. A. R., escorted the Bucktails to the cemetery, lead by the band. The mention of this act of courtesy by our brave veterans was unfortunately omitted last week.

—Mrs. W. F. Shero takes this method of informing her many friends here that owing to a lack of time she was unable to call upon them as she had pleasantly anticipated doing before her departure for her home at Lancaster.

—The sermon on "Teach us how to pray" by Rev. Helen G. Rumsey at the M. E. church last Sunday morning was highly appreciated by all who attended. Her pleasing manner and earnestness made a favorable impression on all.

—The Oak Leather Harness Co. of Olean has a change of adv. this week. They invite you to make their store headquarters while you are attending the street fair and they will show you buggies and harness at bargain figures.

—Yesterday W. A. McLaren of Tonawanda and Miss Rose Palmer of Palmerville were joined in wedlock at the latter place. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gallup, Miss Rena Gallup, and Wesley Sheppard attended the wedding from this place.

—T. H. Purtle has a new adv. in this issue calling your attention to the bargains he has to offer. Besides being headquarters for all kinds of blacksmithing and wood work, he offers some bargains in carriages and wagons that are astonishing.

—Large numbers on our mailing list owe for almost four years subscription. A great many for less time. In all fairness we ask you once more to settle up. Patience has ceased to be a virtue in this case. Waiting does not reduce the sum but increases it.

—Thomas Clark has purchased the plumbing establishment of W. P. Walsh and will move the same into the J. C. Gallup building below the Chautauqua House. Mr. Clark is an experienced plumber and we hope he will meet with merited success.

—The little daughter of E. R. Donahue of Chipmunk, aged 2 years, died very suddenly of cholera infantum last Thursday. The remains were taken to Costello, Pa. On Monday the little daughter of Frank Donahue of the same place died of the same disease.

—A meeting of the McKean County Sunday School Association will be held in the Methodist church in Smethport on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 7 and 8. The Association is made up of the schools of all denominations and all Sunday School workers with all others are cordially invited to attend.

—On the first page will be found the new advertisement of H. W. Marcus of the leading dry goods house of Olean. Mr. Marcus is an up-to-date business man and is always on the look out for bargains for his innumerable hosts of customers. Goods of the best quality and prices to suit the times. Call on Marcus when in Olean.

—The first of the week Dudley Gifford caught a leather back turtle at Gifford's mill pond and presented it to Leon Hogarth. The turtle is about 7 inches across the back and is the only one ever captured in this section. They have frequently been found in the Susquehanna waters.

—Billy Gornian stated to the MINER man Tuesday evening that he had returned to his mother $40 of the $45 taken from her trunk last week. We are pleased to make this statement and hope that this will be a lesson to Billy and that hereafter he will lead an honorable life and strive to become a good man.

—John S. Kirkland, who died very suddenly recently at the home of William Rule in Norwich township, McKean Co., left no address as to his former home, but claimed to come from somewhere in the western part of New York State. Will exchanges in western New York please copy in order that his relatives, if he has any, will learn of his death.

—The new postal law makes it larceny to take a newspaper and refuse to pay pay for it. A man who takes a paper for several years and refuses or pleads inability to pay for it may be indicted for larceny and placed where the light will shine checkered on his face.—Ex. The MINER has several subscribers whom it will be pleased to release from this predicament.

—A correspondent of the Wellsboro Agitator in a letter about his visit here at the Bucktail reunion thus closes a very interesting description: "Your correspondent thinks Smethport has the most fine residences and handsome lawns of any country town he has ever visited." But he does not say how his heart was set to fluttering over our many handsome young ladies that he met while here.

—The MINER last week received from T. C. Walnman of Brinson, Ga., an interesting letter, some southern exchanges and a couple of fine peats, of their own raising, by mail, for which he will please accept thanks. His new mill is completed and the manufacture of lumber has commenced. Himself and family are very pleasantly located in their new southern home and the future to them looks bright, which will be pleasant news to their many northern friends.

—On Thursday of last week John Cody of Potato creek mounted his daughter's wheel and rode to a neighboring farm to examine some cattle. He set the wheel beside a fence and went up into the pasture. When he returned the wheel was gone. The thief, however, was a poor rider and Mr. Cody had no trouble in "tracking" him; and pursued him to the Carter farm on foot, where he procured a horse and resumed the chase. He overtook the robber at Larabee. He had hidden the wheel in the woods and was running around the corner of a house when Mr. Cody nabbed him. He succeeded in recovering the wheel and then let the thief go. He should have been brought to justice, for getting off so easy will only encourage him to commit like depredations.

—Last Wednesday afternoon the MINER man had the pleasure of an introduction to Rev. E. Burroughs of Roulette and in him discovered an old acquaintance whom we had not met since away back in 1866. It was truly a mutual and pleasant surprise. Mr. Burroughs acted as moderator at the Baptist Association and discharged his duties with credit to himself and pleasure to all.

—Secretary Gary has issued an order that hereafter lock boxes shall not be rented to minors. This action of the secretary will to a large extent put a stop to young girls carrying on a correspondence with male friends contrary to the wishes of their parents. It has been their custom, it is said, for a long time to rent boxes at the postoffice and not only receive their mail there, but also their male. Secretary Gary proposes to break up the custom.—Ex.

—In another column will be found the advertisement of E. L. Smith, the old and reliable music dealer of Olean. Mr. Smith has been in the musical line so long that there is nothing in the business but what he is perfectly familiar with. He has the finest and most pleasantly located music room in Northwestern Pennsylvania or Southern New York and the best makes of pianos and organs. While in Olean do not fail to call upon him in the Masonic Hall.

—Last Saturday as our esteemed townsman, J. H. McElroy, stepped from the sidewalk in front of St. Luke's church to enter a buggy for a drive, his left foot slipped down the steep embankment and in some manner his right foot caught and ruptured a ligament in the ankle, besides giving it a severe sprain. He was taken to Dr. McCoy's office, who rendered him professional services. He is now located at the Central, where his many friends strive to make the time pass as pleasantly as possible.

—Renovo's future outlook grows better and better every day. The contemplated improvements in the way of additional buildings for increased power at the railroad shops and the enlargement of the Renova fire-brick works seem to be fixed facts. Besides the mountains are not only full of the best fire-clay, but there are millions of tons of excellent coal, which will naturally be mined in the near future. There is no more substantial town on the West Branch, and to-day it is even as good as the best on the river.—Renovo Record.

—Last Monday afternoon while Conductor William Bogart's train on the B., B. & K. R. R., was passing Mt. Jewett, a train on the Kushequa branch was backing on to the crossing and struck the engine of Bogart's train throwing it from the track. Engineer C. Greenough was thrown quite a distance and injured, while Fireman Locke fell under the overturned engine and was quite severely injured. Both the injured men were taken over the B., R. & P. R'y to Bradford. The baggage car and two passengers coaches were badly used up and will have to go to the shops for repairs. It was fortunate that no one was killed.

—Prof. Patton of Lancaster, a lieutenant of the Rev. Dr. Swallow who aspires to be elected State treasurer on the Prohibition ticket, was in town Monday night holding a curb stone harangue over the political situation in the State. He could have secured the court house to address his small audience, but chose rather to obstruct the side walk much to the inconvenience of the pedestrians. Mr. Patton by seeking an opportune moment when the people were coming out of the post office to hail them succeeded in inducing about 40 or 50 persons to gather around him. His subject did not seem of sufficient interest to hold them and his audience kept growing smaller until for want of hearers the speaker was compelled to desist or else his pond had run dry. He did not seem to secure many converts.

—Last Monday night about 30 members of the Ormsby Tent came down to attend the regular meeting of the Tent here. After the regular meeting was over a noise was heard in the rooms below and Sheridan Gorton was sent as a committee of one to investigate. He found so many handsome ladies and fine eatables that he lingered. The impatient members above sent another committee of investigation when Gorton was discovered trying to appease the cravings of an enormous appetite. Word was then sent aloft by the ladies and the hungry warriors descended in a body and they did all in their power to demolish the bountiful supply provided by the L. O. T. M. An adjournment was taken to the hall above where speech making and songs reigned for a short time. At 12:30 lights out was sounded and all went home after thanking the ladies for a most enjoyable time.

—The Allegany River Baptist Association composed of the counties of McKean, Potter and Cameron convened at the Baptist church here last Tuesday. Rev. E. Burroughs of Roulette was elected moderator; Sec'y, E. B. McLatchy of Coudersport; Ass't Sec'y J. H. Williams; Corresponding Sec'y, J. F. Vought; Treasurer, Darius Simpson. Rev. Leroy Stephens of Lewisburg, Pa., Rev. Frank S. Dobbins of Philadelphia, William C. Gritzinger of Lewisburg and Miss S. R. Slater, a missionary from Burmah, were present. Forty-two delegates from the different charges in the district responded to the roll call. The afternoon session was devoted to woman's work, missionary and Sunday school work. The next annual session will be held at Annin Creek. Miss Slater lectured Tuesday evening and Rev. McLatchy delivered an eloquent sermon Wednesday at 11 a. m. There were several interesting talks by some of the ladies. One was especially interesting, which was ably recited by Miss Mary Simpson. The members all seemed pleased with their sojourn among us and will undoubtedly return here in the near future.

—The Smethport ball team went to Port Allegany last Friday and endeavored to play a game with the Roulette team. It was plain to be seen that Smethport was not to be allowed to win. A harmless looking gamin from the wilds of Liberty township officiated as umpire. His youth and innocence probably saved him from the horrible fate which he richly deserved. Our boys made the best of the worst of it until the third inning when Johnson, catcher for the Roulette team collided with "Babe" Sasse of the Smethport nine. A mix-up followed and the blonde backstop from Potter Co. sought safety in flight. Then a large, husky woodsman stalked upon the scene and announced his intention of exterminating a large portion of the county seat ball team. After a head-end collision with Billy Shoemaker's "terrible right," he retired to a secluded spot to meditate upon the ups and downs of sporting life. "Great excitement prevailed" for a few minutes and then the game went on. Our boys stood the roast another inning and then walked off the field in disgust. The Roulette team is a soft snap for our boys and should they ever meet again it will be safe to wager that the Roulette team will score a much deserved defeat.

Have you seen "Solomon Isaacs?"

An awful fine cigar—"Solomon Isaacs."

Five cents will buy a "Solomon Isaacs."

Don't fail to get a "Solomon Isaacs" cigar.

### Another Exposure.

An exchange has the following: "Some interesting disclosures [illegible] the Williamsport School Board [illegible] show that there is a [illegible] school furnishing trust which has been operating pretty widely in this State. It appears that various firms throughout the country, by becoming members of the trust, are to have no competition from other members. Their scheme was punctured in Williamsport by one of the western firms intruding and underbidding a firm located in this State, which led to a protest from the latter and the discovery of the existence of the trust.

Charges have been made repeatedly that school boards in Pennsylvania are grossly extravagant in the furnishing of their buildings, but the Williamsport disclosure shows they are not entirely to blame. However, the secret is now out, and in the future more reasonable prices for equipment are likely to prevail. But the school directors in every district should not relax their vigilance, for the ways of such combines are sinuous."

### Honor to a Brave Soldier.

Colonel John J. Carter of Titusville, the widely known oil producer and Republican leader of Crawford county, has been granted a medal of honor by the government for his gallantry and bravery at the battle of Antietam in September, 1862. But for his proverbial modesty, this diploma of valor would long since have adorned the Colonel's coat front. The compliment is none the less fitting because of its arrival now. It is the watchful solicitude of Representative C. W. Stone, who took occasion to present the distinguished claims of Col. Carter to the attention of Secretary Alger, that he must thank for this much-coveted decoration. The Colonel is to be congratulated upon this well-deserved testimonial to his courage on the field of battle and his prowess as a soldier, and his numerous friends everywhere will rejoice to see him the recipient of such an honor.—Oil City Derrick.

### Parents Attention.

Children who shall be six years of age before Jan. 1, 1898, will be admitted to the Smethport Public Schools at the opening of the term and parents are urged to have them enter during the year. Those who become six years old after Jan. 1, 1898, will be admitted at the beginning of the next school year.

W. P. ECKELS,
Principal.

### Last of the Season.

After harvest excursion to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Toronto. The fortunate patrons of the former excursions to Buffalo and Niagara Falls over the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R'y which proved so pleasant and were so well patronized this summer, will not wish to miss the last one of the season. They are full of pleasure and profit for all. For the young, an education; for the old a revelation, for all a delightful experience never to be forgotten. No one should fail to visit Niagara, one of the seven wonders of the world, and every business man should keep abreast of the times and awake to the progress of the business world by visiting the metropolis of the middle east and getting new ideas for his own business. Everyone is invited. Low rates, quick time, and in spite of the great number who will avail themselves of the opportunity, plenty of room. Remember the date: Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1897.

This excursion affords a splendid opportunity to visit Canada's great Industrial Fair and Victorian Era Exhibition which is to be held at Toronto August 31 to September 11, which will be more excellent and extensive this year than ever before and is without doubt the greatest annual exhibition on the continent. Tickets to Buffalo or Niagara Falls and return are good two days and to Toronto and return five days. Special train will leave Bradford at 8:10 a. m. Fare to Buffalo or Niagara Falls $1.50, and to Toronto and return, including trip on the magnificent palace steel steamers from Lewiston, $2.50.

### Sixth Annual Swedish Excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Better than ever! Every year this excursion under the auspices of the Swedish Male Chorus Pacius of Jamestown, N. Y., grows more popular. What could be pleasanter than a trip to Niagara Falls or Buffalo with congenial companions in the cool September weather after all the heat and dust of summer, just as nature begins to tint the landscape with the gorgeous hues of autumn. Many of the Swedish Societies of Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio will be present at Niagara Falls on this occasion, and it is expected that this will be the largest and most joyous gathering of Swedish people ever assembled at the Falls. Many changes have taken place at Niagara since last season and many delightful side-trips are available at slight expense. Remember the date of the Sixth Annual Swedish Excursion, Sunday, Sept. 5, 1897. Special train will leave Bradford at 10 a. m. Fare, round trip, only $1.50; tickets good two days.

### A "Harvest Home" Festival.

A "Harvest Home" festival, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., will be held through the day and evening of Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the Backus building. The refreshments will consist of a New England dinner at noon, supper at 6 o'clock and ice cream and cake in the evening.

SARAH A. SCULL,
President.

### It Saves the Croupy Children.

Seaview, Va.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers coming from far and near speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given. Kellam & Curren. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Farm for rent for a long term of years, situated in East Smethport, Pa., 1½ miles east of court house. Farming machinery and tools, 3 cows, 2 horses and 1 colt left on farm if preferred. All the hay and oats raised to be fed on the farm.

tf G. W. KING.

### For Rent.

On Oct. 1st the rooms over Lemmler's harness shop will be vacant. These are fine rooms and the rent is reasonable. Inquire of

R. C. GLEASON,
35-tf Smethport, Pa.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the dog tags are here and all persons having dogs must have the same tagged at once.

L. K. HOGARTH,
Sept. 2, 1897. Burgess.

No man or woman can enjoy life or accomplish much in this world while suffering from a torpid liver. DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the pills that cleanse that organ, quickly. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Lee Onn's Smethport Steam Laundry will make the following cut in prices next week: Shirts, 8c; all kinds of men's and women's collars, 1½c each; all kinds of cuffs, 3c pair. First-class work.

Moments are useless if trifled away; and they are dangerously wasted if consumed by delay in cases where One Minute Cough Cure would bring immediate relief. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Wm. Masser has placed in his shops on Water street all kinds of machinery for the manufacture of builder's material, such as moulding, siding, ceiling and surfaced lumber of all kinds.

When in Olean stop at the Palm Restaurant, 160 Union street, Olean, N. Y. Meals 25c.

35-4t A. B. LEAREVE, Prop'r.

Wm. Masser has employed a first-class bicycle repairman from Buffalo who will be able to make any repairs needed, or build new wheels.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction, or refund money.

If you wish first class carpenter work call and see me at the old reliable stand.

T. H. PURTLE.

Bratted expects peaches this week that will be the lowest in price of any this season.

Gleason, the photographer, is now ready to take pictures of your residences.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

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[illegible] returned to [illegible]

C. A. [illegible] of Coudersport was in town yesterday.

Charles Ebsworth returned to Brooklyn yesterday.

Mrs. Jas. Tracy visited Bradford the first of the week.

Miss Hilda Lawson came up from Olean on Monday.

John Scholey of Corydon was in town Wednesday.

Sheriff Davis visited the mountain city of Kane Monday.

Miss Minnie Hibbard arrived from Olean Wednesday night.

John J. Hafner of Clermont was in town Wednesday night.

W. E. Butts of Clermont was in town on business Wednesday.

Att'y Geo. Berry and wife of Bradford were in town Wednesday.

Henry Brennan of Mt. Jewett spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Julia Schott of Olean visited friends in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Walter Williams returned to her home in Chicago last Friday.

William Rifle of Norwich was in town on business the first of the week.

Capt. E. R. Mayo transacted business in Bradford the first of the week.

Miss Lena Sheppard of Port Allegany has been visiting at W. D. Gallup's.

Darius Simpson of Turtle Point was a delegate to the Baptist Association.

Miss R. E. Moses of Eldred was in town this week attending the association.

Rev. G. W. Halliwell was the guest of friends in town the first of the week.

Mr and Mrs. James McGuier started yesterday for Toronto to attend the fair.

Geo. Baxter of Omaha, Neb., has been visiting W. P. Eckels for a few days.

Miss May Choate and brother, Clarence, returned from Buffalo Tuesday night.

The genial J. H. Tate of Clermont was in town last Saturday transacting business.

F. McFarlan and mother of Ridgway were in town Tuesday on their way to Eldred.

C. F. Hawney of Glenn passed through town Monday, en route to the Clarion school.

E. B. Dolley and Carl Wolford of Port Allegany transacted business in town Monday.

Mrs. Martha Griffiths of Kane has been a guest of W. P. Eckels and wife for a few days.

Miss Bertha Howe of Bradford has been filling the position of court reporter this week.

James Shoemaker of Muscato, Minn., arrived to-day to visit his brother, J. R. Shoemaker.

John Dorr and Chas. Lunden of Mt. Jewett were attending naturalization court Wednesday.

B. F. Taylor of New York city arrived in town Tuesday to participate in the Clark vs. Clark suit.

Henry Hooker of Brookins, S. D., was a guest of relatives in town for a few days this week and last.

Jas. A. McKean, Dan Bacon and E. T. Daly went to Erie Monday as delegates to the C.M.B.A.

Mrs. W. D. Gallup went to Fredonia Monday where her daughter, Miss Rena, will attend school.

Walter A. Rear and mother of Roulette were in attendance at the association held here this week.

P. D. Hopkins and wife of Kane were attending the Baptist Association held here the first of the week.

F. C. Olds, the prominent lumberman of Crosby, passed through town on his way to Bradford Saturday.

C. Schwab and Miss Vinnie Powell of Bradford were guests of Burgess Hogarth and wife over Sunday.

Frank Anderson left yesterday morning for Shamokin, Pa., where he has accepted a position in a shoe store.

W. B. Sheppard of Seward, Neb., has been here for a few days visiting at the residence of W. D. Gallup.

Miss Mae Stewart returned to her home in Ridgway last week after an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Att'y Edmond L. Ryan of Kane spent Sunday with his parents and was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Geo. White of Buffalo spent Sunday with his uncle and aunt, H. C. Wells and wife, returning to Buffalo Tuesday.

Misses Mary and Anna Griffiths, who have been guests of W. P. Eckels and wife for some time, have returned home.

Master Robert and Miss Bessie Brown of East Smethport returned last week from an extended visit at Lake Champlain.

Conductor Geo. Wack is taking in the Wellsville fair this week. Will Brenneman is using the ticket punch in his place.

J. T. Evans and wife and Mrs. S. H. Smith of Bradford have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis on King street.

Miss Cleta Brown of Wellsville, N. Y., visited friends here over Sunday and continued on her way to Clarion Monday.

Geo. Tippett of Harrisburg, who has been a guest of C. A. Burdick and wife for the past ten days, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. W. P. Eckels went to Sizerville yesterday to visit her brother, A. Y. Jones, who is there under treatment for rheumatism.

Mrs. W. R. Gibson returned to her home in Bradford last Saturday after a week's visit with her parents, B. L. Knapp and wife.

Miss Cummings and brothers, Ray and Ralph, of Corning, N. Y., have been visiting their uncle, John Forrest, for a few days.

Last Tuesday Rev. J. Heber McCandless departed for Pitoskey, Mich., where Mrs. McCandless has been stopping for some time.

John Reisdorph of Wyndahm, Minn., is a guest of his sister, Mrs. L. Freeman. Thirty-eight years ago he was a resident of this section.

A. N. Smith of Manchester, Ia., who 33 years ago was a resident of this place, has been calling on old friends here for a few days.

Ezra Williams and wife visited friends in town this week. "Ez" is a former resident of Smethport and his many friends gave him a hearty welcome.

Mrs. N. J. Peck and Miss Anna Joerg of Coudersport and Mrs. Asa Raymond of Gold were in attendance at the Baptist Association held here this week.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers departed for New York city last Tuesday to purchase new goods for her millinery department and to secure the latest styles in fashions.

J. H. Tew of Kane and Editor Northrup of Mt. Jewett came to town Wednesday to attend the Odd Fellow's encampment, and were pleasant callers at this office yesterday.

Arthur Smith, an experienced druggist from Port Allegany takes a situation in A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s store for a couple of weeks, while Mr. Hogarth enjoys his vacation.

John Hawney, who has been reading law with Att'y T. F. Richmond, returned to his home at Glenn last week, where he will teach school this winter. The MINER with a host of friends here wish him prosperity and happiness.

M. O'Reilly and wife, accompanied by their daughters Mrs. O. Hubbell Barker, Mrs. Mame Bissett and son Merrill, Mrs. John Rissie and daughter Miss Marie, of Kansas attended the G. A. R. encampment at Buffalo last week.

Our visiting Bucktails from Philadelphia, W. H. Rauch and wife, Chas. Wildey and wife and Mrs. H. B. Warne returned home last Saturday. It is to be hoped that their visit here was of such a nature that they will return again next year and make our hearts glad.

Yesterday morning the MINER man had the pleasure of meeting Hugh McIrvin, son of Col. Irvin of Curwensville. He is a young man of good address and a perfect type of his father. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans and should a war break out with any foreign power he would quickly become one of Uncle Sam's defenders.

J. J. Newman and son, Jerome, of Hattiesburg, Miss., were guests of D. C. Young and family over Sunday. Mr. Newman during his vacation has made quite an extended trip and says that everywhere he can discern that business is improving. The price of lumber is higher and sales are increasing. He informed the MINER man that he had just filled an order from Brockwayville for 500,000 feet of Southern pine and another half million feet to the McCormick Harvesting Co. of Chicago.

Last Tuesday we had the pleasure of meeting Henry Hamlin of Manchester, Ia., who left this borough in 1851, when a small boy, and this is the first time he has visited his boyhood home. His father, Fayette B. Hamlin, was a prominent attorney and defended Joshua Jones for the murder of his wife in Genesee township, Potter county, on Aug. 11, 1818, and who was executed May 31, 1859. This was the only execution of a murderer that occurred in Pottercounty. Mr. Hamlin says that he well remembers Jones.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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Chas. Rogers [illegible] barns and contents were burned [illegible] morning about daylight. His place [illegible] two and one-half miles up the river. Insurance, $1,000.

Sabin Strong of Rock Run is very sick with typhoid fever. Dr. Stevens of Port Allegany is the attending physician.

W. D. Thomas and wife of Brookland, Pa., visited at Alfred Strobridge's last Sunday.

Mrs. L. D. Thomas of Open Brook is on the sick list. Dr. Strobridge is in attendance.

Albert Cook of Portage Creek is visiting his half brother, O. P. Crandall, this week.

James Bentley and family are attending a family reunion in Tioga county this week.

Frank Thompson and family have rented the John Brown house and moved therin.

W. Roberts of Eldred was doing business in this place the first of the week.

Geo. Taylor attended the G. A. R. encampment at Buffalo last week.

Mrs. Jennie Yentzer of Roulette visited Miss Laura Acre this week.

A. E. Cummings of Brookland was seen on our streets Monday.

Thirty-two tickets were sold here last Sunday for Portage.

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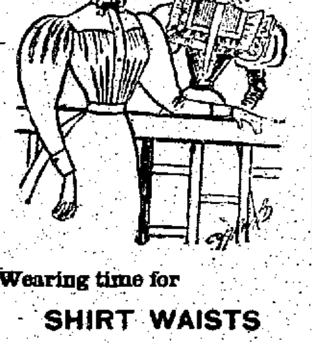

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J. C. Stull.

# [illegible] TWO PARTS.

### [illegible] IN WHICH AN ACTOR HAS [illegible] TWO MEN AT ONCE.

"[illegible]oner of Zenda," "Corsican Brothers" and the "Lyons Mail" Are Plays in Which It Is Necessary For the Star to Make These Quick Changes.

To be able to play two parts in the same piece—to portray, perhaps two characters of totally different caliber—is not an undertaking which many actors care to attempt. It is only the experienced artist who may attempt the feat with impunity, and even then, though he may appear to the audience to do it with ease and without an effort, there are many more difficulties in his way than meet the eye of the habitual theater goer.

Not only must the actor be possessed of a good amount of histrionic talent, but he must often call in the aid of an understudy, whose duty it is to gull the audience into the belief that their favorite is performing the impossible feat of being in two places at one and the same time. For in nearly every play of such a character it is well nigh impossible for the author so to arrange his piece that the actor may never be called upon to be on the stage with his double.

Any one who has been to see "The Prisoner of Zenda" performed at the St. James theater, must have marveled at the lightning celerity with which Mr. George Alexander, a moment before the drugged king of Ruritania, suddenly, as by some act of witchcraft, reappeared as Rudolf Rassendyll, clad in the ordinary costume of the English tourist. Then, to every one's surprise, the supine body of the king was carried in so that to all appearances Mr. Alexander was gazing upon his own person. In reality, of course, it was merely a lightning change, and the understudy had to be requisitioned to supply the person of the king.

A more famous case of double impersonation, however, is that of "The Corsican Brothers," the first play perhaps in which Sir Henry Irving gave us a taste of his wonderful talent.

In the first act—to give a slight resume of the play—the ghost of Louis, killed in a duel by a certain Chateau Renaud in the forest of Fontainebleau, appears to Fabien, his brother. The second act takes us to Paris, and through varied incidents to the death of Louis. Here Irving was Louis.

In the third act, however, it is Fabien who is once more before us, who has constituted himself the avenger of his brother's death. He meets Chateau Renaud and demands satisfaction. Renaud is wounded and falls to the ground. Then suddenly the ghost of Louis appears, and, to personate the spirit of the dead man, Irving had had to fly to the wings, make his way below the stage and take his stand upon the trap, which conveyed him upward to the gaze of the thrilled spectators.

How was it done? The audience was amazed. Yet the explanation is comparatively simple. Irving stepped behind a "property" tree. His "double" instantly filled his place, taking good care not to face the audience when it was necessary for him to confront the ghost. Hence the lightning change from mortal to spirit and the resultant bewilderment of the beholders.

Neither is the "Corsican Brothers" the only play in which Irving has contrived to take a double part and yet mystify the audience by the adroitness of his metamorphosis.

Those who are familiar with the "Lyons Mail" will doubtless remember the most telling scene in the play. Here Dubosc, the murderer, is in an attic, gazing down upon the preparations being made for the execution of the innocent Lesurques—whose likeness to the real murderer has brought him to such a terrible pass—an expression of fiendish glee upon his face, clapping his hands as he sees the apparently doomed man step forward to his death.

But his exultation is premature. Lesurques is reprieved, and the crowd suddenly catches sight of the villainous face of the real murderer at the attic window. The door of the room is battered in. Behind it stands Dubosc. The wretch is dragged from his refuge, and as they do so Irving-Lesurques coolly walks in upon the scene of turmoil.

The door of the attic is made to open forward, thus shutting Irving-Dubosc from view of the auditorium. In a moment he slips through a trap. His "double" takes his place, to be hustled unceremoniously by the crowd of "supers," whose duty it is also to conceal the man's face in case the fraud should be discovered. Irving-Lesurques can then come on in his new role.

But an actor has been known to play two parts without the assistance of a dummy.

In a certain play it was the duty of the hero to leap out of the window of his room and to enter from a door on the opposite side of the stage clad in different clothes, though otherwise the same.

This, however, was juggling pure and simple. The actor dropped into his second dress in much the same way as an American fireman is reputed to jump into his uniform. The costume consisted of but one piece with a patent fastening down the back, and as he leaped through the window frame he leaped into his clothes, which, so to speak, shut behind him and left him reclothed.

Neither is the part of the understudy one to be given to any ordinary "super" from the class of warriors, countrymen and the like that go to make up a stage crowd. He must be possessed of no slight amount of adaptability and smartness to enable his principal to go through his arduous task without a hitch.—Pearson's Weekly.

## MEDITERRANEAN RENTS.

### Highest at Gibraltar and Lowest on the Island of Malta.

Nowhere on the surface of the globe is rent so high as at Gibraltar, the reason being that the geographical position of the town precludes the possibility of its being extended in any direction. A long, narrow strip of what was once seabeach is alone available for building purposes. All the rest is precipitous rock.

Upon this narrow parapet, in some places less than 100 yards in width, are crowded the homes of 25,000 people. As much as $20 a week is asked and obtained for the use of one small room and this, too, in a place where the normal rate of wages is quite 10 per cent less than in America. Naturally the overcrowding is fearful, and, the water supply being scarce and intermittent, cleanliness of living as we understand it is almost impossible.

No wonder that in the old days the plague and the cholera ravaged the "rock" with a virulence unknown in the filthy and pestilential cities of the far east.

In Malta, on the other hand, house rent is ridiculously cheap. Anywhere outside of Valetta an excellent seven roomed house can be had for $15 a year, while rates and taxes are unknown. The houses are built entirely of the rough colored stone of which the island is composed, and which is so soft that it can be cut with a saw into blocks or slabs of any desired size or shape. So while the Maltese builder is digging up his foundations he is at the same time getting out the material for his walls, his flooring and his roof.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

#### The [illegible] Takes [illegible].

A silly youth was bragging of his great family in a mixed company, in which Douglas Jerrold was present, and said that he had dined three times at [illegible] and never saw any [illegible]. "I can't account for it," [illegible] Jerrold. "They [illegible]."

## SHE MADE A GREAT MISTAKE.

### Thought She Would Make Tom Happy, but Both Are Now Miserable.

Daughters of wealthy men who fall in love with their fathers' employees are not entirely restricted to novels. There is a Chicago merchant whose confidential man has for some time been a suitor for his daughter's hand. There is another departure from tradition in the fact that his love affair is not as violently opposed as it might be. He is a thoroughly capable and upright fellow, and his prospective father-in-law probably doesn't see why he wouldn't do just as well as a clubman or perhaps a nobleman for his daughter's husband. Of course the two lovers like to be as much as possible in each other's company and try all sorts of little schemes and inventions to bring this happy state of affairs about.

The other evening when the young man, whose familiar name is Tom, called at the home of his fiancee she was perfectly radiant.

"Oh, Tom, I have just the best piece of news to tell you!" she said to him.

"Indeed!" was his reply. "Tell it to me right away."

"I know you will be so glad I did it," she continued.

"Did what?"

"I'm going to tell you all about it. Papa said this morning that he was going to California, to be gone a month. He said I'd enjoy the scenery and the climate, and he thought there wasn't any trip that I'd like so much. Oh, he wanted me to go awfully bad, but I just thought that I wouldn't see you for a month, and so I took a stand. I must have made 50 excuses. Finally I told him that I'd promised to go to Cousin Maude's at Lake Geneva, and that I just couldn't break my promise, so at last he let me off. It was hard work, and I'm almost afraid I made him angry, but I knew you'd be so glad."

"Yes—um—of course," responded Tom.

"Well, you don't look half as glad as I thought you would."

"No—I"—he began.

"Then you're not glad," she said in a tone of mixed surprise and disappointment.

"Well, no, darling," he said. "You see, I'm to go with him."—Chicago Times-Herald.

## CANNED GOODS.

### The Most Flagrant and Extensive Kinds of Adulteration Are Practiced.

Under one heading we may consider several groups of food stuffs, which, while different in composition, are alike in the form of adulteration which is resorted to. These groups include the varieties of canned vegetables, fruit butters, jellies, preserves and catchups. The forms of adulterations common to all of these consist in the use of coloring matter, of imperfect vegetables or fruits, of other fruits and vegetables than those called for or of preservatives. In the case of canned vegetables there is an accidental adulteration from the ingredients of the can, such as lead and tin, and which may, as a rule, be attributed to a lack of care in canning.

In all of the groups mentioned the adulteration practiced is of the most flagrant and extensive kind. Catchups are made of skins and cores instead of the pure vegetables, then colored with a coal tar product and loaded with salicylic acid to prevent fermentation. Fruit butters are nothing but parings and scrapings of fruit to which glucose, starch and coloring have been added, with salicylic acid as a preservative. Jellies are made from glucose flavored with essential oils and colored, to which salicylic acid is added. Some fruit jellies marked as pure have never seen a trace of fruit. What is true of jellies is true of preserves. Put together refuse material, the cheapest sort of glucose, some coloring and salicylic acid, and you have the composition of some of the cheaper forms of preserves that are to be found on the shelves of some of our grocery stores. Of these coarser forms of adulterations it will be unnecessary to say even a word. They are universally recognized as unfit to be used, and every honest dealer is of the opinion that the sooner they are driven out of the market the better it will be for trade.—Sanitarian.

#### Hamerton's Marriage.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton heartily disapproved marriage made in the French manner. "And yet one morning," he says in his autobiography, "when I was writing on my desk (a tall oak desk that I used to stand up to) the idea suddenly came, as if somebody had uttered these words in my ear: 'Why should you remain lonely all your days? Eugenie Gindriez would be an affectionate and faithful wife to you. She is not rich, but you would work and fight your way.'

"I pushed aside the sheet of manuscript and took a sheet of notepaper instead. I then wrote in French a letter to a lady in Paris who knew the Gindriez family and asked her if Mlle. Eugenie was engaged to be married. The answer came that she was well and that there had been no engagement. Soon afterward I was in Paris.

"I called on M. Gindriez, but his daughter was not at home. I asked permission to call in the evening, and she was out again. This was repeated two or three times, and my wife told me afterward that these absences were not accidental. At last we met, and there was nothing in her manner but a certain gravity, as if serious resolutions were impending. Her sister showed no such reserve, but greeted me gayly and frankly. After a few days I was accepted on the condition of an annual visit to France.

"From a worldly point of view this engagement was what is called in French une folie, on my part, and hardly less so on the part of the young lady. We had, however, a kind of inward assurance that in spite of the difference of nationality and other differences we were, in truth, nearer to each other than most people who contract matrimonial engagements. The electric affinities act in spite of all appearances and of many realities."

#### Niagara Ran a Sawmill.

The first use of Niagara's power was made in 1725, a primitive sawmill being operated. Nothing more was done in this line until 1842, when Augustus Porter conceived the plan of hydraulic canals, and in 1861 one was completed. The Cataract Construction company, from whose plant power has just been delivered in Buffalo, was incorporated in 1889.

From the top of the cathedral spire in Mexico you can see the entire city, and the most striking feature of the view is the absence of chimneys. There is not a chimney in all Mexico, not a grate nor a stove nor a furnace. All the cooking is done with charcoal in Dutch ovens.

#### Relief in Six Hours.

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## MAPLE SUGAR.

### Widespread Ignorance on the Part of Consumers.

Speaking of maple sugar brings to mind the fact that there is no product of the farm concerning which there is greater ignorance on the part of consumers than maple sugar and sirup. It seems to be almost the universal opinion that maple sirup to be genuine must be dark in color and of a thick, heavy body. I have carefully studied this matter, and I am convinced that dealers in large towns and cities are largely responsible for this. Maple sirup is one of the easiest things to "doctor." For instance, a gallon of strictly pure, light colored maple sirup is received, and foreign substances, as cane sugar or glucose, are added and three gallons made, and all are branded "pure maple sirup."

Some years ago I stepped into a grocery store in the city of Denver and inquired if they had any genuine maple sirup. "Oh, yes"—and I was shown cans branded "pure Vermont maple sirup." I asked the grocer if he would kindly let me taste a sample. He did so, and as I looked up I suspect he began to "smell mice" and asked if I was a manufacturer of the article. I said, "Yes, and I ship it every spring to your city." Seeing he was fairly caught, he said: "The fact is I cannot fool you, I see. This sirup of ours was probably made in Chicago."

Last spring I sent a gallon by request to a pastor of a church in Brooklyn who in his boyhood days used to live on a farm in Chenango county and knew what real maple sirup was. We sent him a gallon of early make, of a light amber shade, and at once received word that the sirup was entirely ahead of any he had ever seen, and that it was an utter impossibility to procure such in the city.

Why is it impossible? I know fine sirup is made and shipped. The fact is, as I said before, the consumer is not allowed to taste that fine, light colored, genuinely pure article, for once he gets a taste of it the trade for the bogus article is gone. A few days ago a friend told me he sent a pound of fine sugar, made by one of our farmers, to his mother in Baltimore. The cake weighed 18 ounces, and as it went by mail it cost him 18 cents postage. The letter carrier who delivered it said it must be something valuable to pay so much postage. The lady said she could guess what it was. It was a cake of maple sugar her boy had sent her from New York.

As the carrier lived close by the lady told him to come in during the evening and she would show him something good. He did so, but the moment he saw it he said: "You can't fool me. That isn't maple sugar. Maple sugar is always black." She chopped off a corner and told him to sample it. He declared he had never seen maple sugar before and wanted the lady to write and order him 100 pounds. The sugar was shipped, cash received, and one man learned that maple sugar, in order to be genuine, need not be black as a stovepipe.—Country Gentleman.

## AGURAI IN MAROCCO.

### The Whole Population of the Town Is Descended From Renegades.

Agura is a small town surrounded with walls of from 40 to 50 feet in height and built of tabia, or consolidated rubble. It owes its existence to Mulai Ismail, who held the throne of Marocco from 1722-1757. One gate alone gives entrance to the place, and in this respect, as well as in its architecture within and without, it much resembles the "ksor" of the Sahara described in the writer's "Tafilet." But it owns one feature of curiosity which was lacking in the desert, for almost without exception the entire population are descendants of the renegades and Christian slaves of the time of Mulai Ismail, with the addition of stray renegades who have been sent there since. Probably no such cosmopolitan place exists in the world, for its 300 or 400 inhabitants are representative of no less than 18 nationalities. Each family remembers and is proud of its origin, the Arab equivalent being applied as surnames.

The family in whose home the writer spent the few days of his visit were Flemish, while the next door neighbor on one side was an elderly female, whose father, an Englishman, had become a renegade some 80 years since, and who quickly tired of it, leaving a wife and daughter, the neighbor in question. The other neighbors were the descendants of Spanish gypsies, the head of the family being "Absalom ben Mohammed el Gitano el Espanoli." They were particularly proud of the "Gitano" (gypsy) part of the surname and begged me not to confound them with the ordinary Spaniards, of whom there were many descendants in Agurai. The ancestor of this gypsy family was two generations back. He had left his country, they naively told the writer, because he was not on good terms with his sultan, who wanted to imprison him, being afraid of his influence. Probably it was more of an affair of the police courts than political intrigue.

The "Ulad el Aluj" ("sons of the converts"), as the inhabitants of Agurai are called, have entirely, except in one or two cases, lost the type of their European ancestry, and through marriage, no doubt, are as largely Berber in appearance as the wild tribes that surround them. They speak among themselves both Arabic and Berber, and both, curiously enough, with a strong foreign accent, easily distinguishable. They are exempt from all taxation, but have to serve in the sultan's army, where they perform the duties of cooks and butchers.—Geographical Journal.

#### Jumping a Straw.

Some years ago the late Major Roddy Owen was at Aldershot and offered to back himself to make a horse he was riding jump a straw. Every one laughed, and although his fondness for horses was well known none believed he could accomplish the feat. A long straw was procured and laid on the ground. Owen proceeded to blindfold the horse and rode him at the mark, which the animal cleared with a bound that would have settled a five bar gate. When he returned to collect his bets, all the sportsmen had vanished.—Army and Navy Journal.

#### He Cheapened Pens.

Sir Josiah Mason was, according to his biography, walking in Bull street, Birmingham, in the year 1828, when he saw some steel pens, price three and sixpence each. Josiah was a hard up maker of split rings. No sooner had he seen the pens than he went home, made some better than those in the shop, sent them up to London and got a large order by return. At 30 years of age Mason's capital was 30 shillings. At 60 he had given away £400,000.

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## DREAMS OF THE DAYS GONE BY

Dreams, come home to my heart again
With the memory of the past
Come with your pleasures an' [illegible]
And your hopes too bright to last
Come from your hidden graves [illegible]
In the beautiful realms [illegible]
Come from your glorious [illegible]
In the realms of the [illegible]

I will welcome ye all again
As once in the halls of [illegible]
Welcome the pleasure and [illegible]
For the happy years [illegible]
Dreams, come out of your [illegible] graves
In the woodland wilds and the dim sea caves;
Dreams, come out of your myriad graves
In the wilds and the dim sea caves!

Ye throng the halls of my heart once more
With faces sad, with pain.
Oh, faded ghosts of the dreams of yore,
The joy comes not again.
Go back to your mournful graves that lie
In the shadowy realms of the days gone by;
Go back to your voiceless graves that lie
In the realms of the days gone by!
—Emma A. Browne in New York Ledger.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

### What Is the Use of Living if You Can't Be In It?

Yes, Erastus, we have noticed that article in a scientific journal advising people to sleep more in order to live long, and to tell you the truth we take but little stock in it. We notice that Tesla, the great electrician, claims that a man might live to be 200 years old if he would only sleep most of the time. And suppose he should. What would a man amount to sleeping like a fat dog in the summer? For all practical purposes a man might as well be dead as to be asleep, with this advantage in the way of being dead—he isn't in anybody's road.

Suppose a man lived for 200 years and slept 160 of it. He can only figure out when the thing is through that he has really lived 40 years, and in that 40 he neither cuts as much ice nor has half the fun the man has who passes in his checks at 60 and out of the 60 has only slept 20 years. Is there any particular object, my boy, in simply lying round asleep for 160 years, wearing out bedclothes and saving a trifle on funeral expenses? We think not. All there is in life worth living for you get while you are awake. All the time you ought to spend asleep is just enough to enable you to keep awake the rest of the time.

Sleep is a necessary evil, just so much good time that you have to give up in order to keep your stomach, liver and other organs in fair shape. Of course we have read a good deal about beautiful dreams, when angels hover overhead and all that, but our experience is that this talk is almost altogether rot. When you are in good physical condition, you don't dream. When you dream, the angels aren't in that vicinity. It is when you have filled your interior with fatted swine and boiled cabbage that you retire to sleep, perchance to dream. To dream—aye, there is the rub!—when you feel a four headed dog sitting upon your vitals and know that the horned and cloven tailed whangdoodle from the barren mountains of Hepsidam is crawling upon you, breathing smoke and fire, and you are paralyzed, or you seem all at once to find yourself in the midst of some gay and cultured assembly with no clothing on your person except perhaps a paper collar and a pair of hose supporters and utterly unable to explain to the ladies and gentlemen present why you are there in this decollete costume or to take your departure.

There is nothing angelic or heavenly about the average dream. On the contrary, it is hades and repeat. The young man who has to be routed out of bed at 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning may live a good while, but the chances are that he won't amount to as much in life as a three legged dog in a jack rabbit chase. The proper thing, young fellow, is to sleep less and get a hump on yourself, even if you should pass out before you are 50. One year of life spent in knocking rich, ripe, luscious persimmons is worth five sleeping in the shade with the worms crawling over your person and the timber bugs trying to roll you out of their way.—Tom McNeal in Topeka Mail.

#### A Dr. Johnson Story.

In glancing through the recently published work on that worthy bore, Dr. Johnson, I failed to discover the following anecdote. It is carefully preserved by a family whose Scotch ancestors took a rise out of the great lexicographer:

Hostess—Dr. Johnson, what do you think of our Scotch broth?

Dr. Johnson—Madam, in my opinion it's only fit for pigs.

Hostess—Then have some more.—London Figaro.

#### Civilizing a Chimpanzee.

"It's wonderful," said the man who is always earnest, "to see how they can develop the intellects of the lower animals. There is no telling how much we may be able to benefit them by systematic education."

"What suggested that idea?"

"A chimpanzee that I saw. He was one in a perfectly wild condition. Now they have by patient training taught him to smoke a pipe, play cards and drink whisky!"—London Answers.

#### Barrie's Candor.

J. M. Barrie is more conscious of his limitations than are some of his fellow workers of the period. At the repeated solicitation of his journalist friends he consented some time ago to write the life of the late Alexander Russell of The Scotsman, but he immediately relinquished the task when he perceived that biographical writing lay altogether outside his particular sphere of work.

The proverb "Necessity is the mother of invention" can hardly be traced to one independent source. The idea was expressed by Persius, the Roman satirist about 60 A. D., and is found, in the precise form now quoted, in Richard Franck's "Northern Memoirs" (printed in London, 1694), and in various later English writers.

#### Back From the Grave

We cannot come, but we can often stay our progress thither. Disease, like everything else, must have a beginning. All chronic maladies tend to shorten life, and render it a species of martyrdom while they last. Malaria, kidney complaint, chronic indigestion, rheumatism—all have small beginnings, and may be stayed at the outset with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This excellent tonic and alterative is adapted alike to the prevention of disorders of the system and to their removal, and its early use cannot be too strongly advocated. To renew appetite and insure tranquil rest, there is no surer and pleasanter means than the Bitters. The effects of overwork and exhaustion, mental or physical, are counteracted by it, and the busy merchant, the tired clerk or operative, and the brain weary student, author or newspaper man derive from it present relief and future energy.

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[illegible] and [illegible] ed he [illegible] tile sports, but it greatly diminished numbers. To the old-time traveler he is of no use whatever. Indeed he is frequently a positive incumbrance, and worse. To my mind one of the great pleasures of travel is in learning to travel by myself. There are satisfaction, pleasure and education in planning routes, deciphering time tables, making bargains, learning by observation the lay of the land.

The time may have been when a courier could save a traveler more than his cost. Most certainly that is not the case now. On the contrary, as he gets a percentage on every purchase his party makes, which, of course, comes out of the purchaser in increased price, and as it is often for his interest to advise the more costly route, the more costly hotel or the more costly excursion, he eats up much more than his wages, while saving positively nothing. Bean declared that in a two weeks' trip in southern Spain, which he made side by side with a couple having a courier, he invariably reached the hotel first, got better rooms and saw all the sights to as good advantage, yet the courier was, of his kind, an expert. The fact is that travel has become so general, tourist companies, railroads and landlords have so well studied its needs, books are so plentiful, that you couldn't very well get off the track or have a mishap if you tried.—Herbert Lace in "Going Abroad."

#### Auburndale.

"Until a few years ago a little Wisconsin hamlet was known simply as Hog Back, from the peculiar shape of a hill near there," said a Milwaukee drummer. "Finally the citizens held an indignation meeting to wipe out the plebeian name and choose a better one. It was decided to honor the place by giving it the name of the oldest settler, a man named King. Somebody suggested 'King's Mills' and another 'Kingsville,' and so on, but the old man himself objected. Then it was agreed to name the town for one of Mr. King's daughters, but he had seven of them, and jealousies promptly cropped out. At last some genius noticed that all the girls were redheaded and suggested 'Auburndale.' And Auburndale it is to this day."—Troy Times.

#### Da Vinci's Wheelbarrow.

Leonardo da Vinci, the painter who painted the famous picture of the "Last Supper," is said to have invented the wheelbarrow.—Boston Budget.

Bowling, billiards and card playing are unlawful in Michigan, according to some dead letter statutes.

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Death lurks in every place in this "vale of tears." There is no happiness, no joy, no gaiety, no success, no sorrow and no failure that may not secrete him. A favorite hiding-place for death, where women are concerned, is in the very happiness and rapture of wifehood and the sacred joy of motherhood. But too frequently there is death in the embrace of love, and the first touch of baby-fingers is succeeded by the chilly grasp of the grim destroyer.

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8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays [illegible] Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton [illegible] Harrisburg and intermediate [illegible] ing at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Wa[illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car [illegible] liamsport to Philadelphia, and [illegible] coaches from Kane to Philadelphia [illegible] liamsport to Baltimore and Wa[illegible]

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for [illegible] and intermediate stations, ar[illegible] delphia 4:30 a. m., New York [illegible] man sleeping cars from Harrisburg [illegible] delphia and New York. P[illegible] sengers can remain in sleeper [illegible] until 7:30 a. m.

8:00 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, [illegible] burg and intermediate stations [illegible] Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York [illegible] week days (10:38 a. m. on Sundays) [illegible] 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:[illegible] sleeping cars from Erie and Wi[illegible] Philadelphia, and Williamsport [illegible] ton and passenger cars from Erie [illegible] phia, and Williamsport to Ba[illegible] sengers in sleeper for Baltimore [illegible] ington will be transferred into W[illegible] sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays [illegible] Driftwood, Clermont and interme[illegible]
10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for [illegible] termediate stations.
6:20 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for [illegible] intermediate stations.

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Train 3, leaves New York 7:[illegible] delphia 11:20 p. m., Washington [illegible] Baltimore 11:50 p. m., arriving [illegible] porium Junction 10:30 a.m., with Pullman [illegible] sleeping cars from Philadelphia [illegible] port and passenger coaches from [illegible] phia to Erie and Baltimore to W[illegible] on Sundays only. Pullman sleeper [illegible] phia to Erie.

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| 10 21 | Glen Hazel | [illegible] |
| 10 32 | Straight | [illegible] |
| 10 34 | Instanter | [illegible] |
| 10 42 | Smith's Run | [illegible] |
| 10 48 | Westville | [illegible] |
| 10 55 | Clermont | [illegible] |
| A. M. | | A. M. |

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On and after June 27, 189[illegible], passenger trains [illegible] Between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST-BOUND.

6:50 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

12:36 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

3:45 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND

7:45 a.m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1:41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, P[illegible]
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agt.
Rochester, N. [illegible]

## BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1[illegible]

| 1 | 3 | 5 | STATIONS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a.m. | p.m. | p.m. | Ar. | Dp. | a.m. | p.m. |
| 8:55 | 2:20 | 7:59 | Keating | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8:35 | 2:01 | 7:15 | Cowley Junc. | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8:25 | 1:50 | 7:09 | Austin | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 1:37 | 6:59 | Costello | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 1:26 | 6:48 | Wharton | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 1:17 | 6:39 | Logue | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 1:05 | 6:27 | Hull | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 12:45 | 6:08 | Cross Fork Jc | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 12:07 | 5:31 | Germania | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 12:00 | 5:25 | Galeton | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 10:45 | 4:23 | Gaines | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| ...... | 10:10 | 3:50 | Ansonia | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| | a. m. | p.m. | Dp. | Ar. | p.m. | p.m. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a m. | a.m. | p.m. | Cross Fork Br'ch. | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 7:00 | 12:45 | 4:00 | ar Cr F'k Jc | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 6:00 | 11:55 | 3:00 | dp Cross F'k ar | [illegible] | [illegible] |

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, [illegible] 1896.

| AR. EASTW'D. | | | STATIONS. | LV. WESTW'D. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. M. | A. M. | P. M. | | A. M. | P. M. | P. M. |
| 8.50 | 7.30 | 2.10 | Ulysses | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8.35 | 7.21 | 2.00 | Crowell's | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8.30 | | 1.56 | Carpenter's | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8.25 | 7.10 | 1.53 | Perkins | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8.20 | 7.13 | 1.50 | M. & S. Junc'n | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| | 7.10 | 1.45 | Newfield | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 8.04 | 7.06 | 1.41 | Gold | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 7.55 | 7.01 | 1.36 | Raymond's | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 7.15 | 6.50 | 1.24 | Seven Bridg's | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 7.10 | 6.46 | 1.20 | Colesburg | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 7.00 | 6.40 | 1.14 | Frink's | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| | 6.30 | 1.00 | | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 4.15 | 7.57 | 12.55 | Coudersport | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.49 | | 12.51 | Hammond | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.39 | 7.53 | 12.46 | Olmsted | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.34 | 7.48 | 12.41 | Mina | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.25 | | 12.34 | Knowlton | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.21 | 7.36 | 12.29 | Roulette | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.12 | 7.31 | 12.22 | Burtville | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.06 | | 12.17 | Coleman | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| 3.15 | 7.20 | 12.12 | Port Allegany | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| P. M. | P. M. | P. M. | Dep't. Arrive | A. M. | P. M. | P. M. |

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, [illegible]

## Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect May 3rd, 189[illegible]

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, Janet, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:35 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, Janet, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. trains for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4:20 p. m. and 6:40 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

## ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

| South | | Stations | | North | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1:15 | ...... | Clermont | | 12:30 | |
| 1:20 | ...... | Clermont Tank | | 12:25 | |
| 1:30 | ...... | Wildwood | | 11:57 | |
| 1:36 | ...... | North Fork | | 11:45 | |
| 2:10 | ...... | Kay Fork | | [illegible] | |
| 2:12 | ...... | Gray Gables | | 11:30 | |
| 2:20 | Ar | St. Marys | Lv | 11:14 | |
| 2:33 | Lv 7:40 | St. Marys | Ar | 10:55 | [illegible] |
| 2:38 | 7:45 | Kaul | | 10:50 | [illegible] |
| 2:43 | 7:50 | Dehsen | | 10:42 | [illegible] |
| 2:50 | 7:55 | Groll | | 10:37 | [illegible] |
| 2:57 | 8:03 | Gillen | | 10:28 | [illegible] |
| 3:02 | 8:07 | Palmo | | 10:25 | [illegible] |
| 3:06 | 8:11 | Centreville | | 10:20 | [illegible] |
| 3:10 | 8:15 | Dagus Crossing | | 10:15 | [illegible] |
| 3:18 | 8:24 | Shelvey Summit | | 10:07 | [illegible] |
| 3:22 | 8:29 | Cuneo | | 9:58 | [illegible] |
| 3:27 | 8:33 | Thompson | | 9:53 | [illegible] |
| 3:31 | 8:37 | Curry | | 9:48 | [illegible] |
| 3:37 | 8:42 | Brandy Camp | | 9:40 | [illegible] |
| 3:40 | 8:47 | Elbon | | 9:34 | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | 8:50 | Hyde | | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | 8:54 | [illegible] | | [illegible] | [illegible] |

NOTICE.

To Contractors and Supervisors [illegible] [illegible] or duplicate any [illegible] complete outfit at [illegible]. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. KELLY, Contractor,
Smethport, Pa.